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## Russians' Latest Berlin Blockade

### Tibetans Mobilising

New York, Feb. 3.—Mr. Lowell Thomas, the radio news commentator, has reported that Tibet is hurriedly mobilising 100,000 troops against a "possible invasion" by Chinese Communists.

At present Tibet has only 10,000 troops, armed with obsolete weapons, he wrote in Colliers Magazine. Mr. Thomas, who visited Tibet last year, said a conquest of Tibet by the Chinese Communists would give them access to Tibet's "inherent wealth," possibly uranium.—Reuter.

### Denied His Chieftainship

London, Feb. 3.—The British Cabinet has decided not to allow Seretse Khama, who married Ruth Williams, 24-year-old London typist, to be chieftain of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland. It was learned from a usually reliable source here today.

The British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Evelyn Baring, is now flying back to Africa and is understood to be taking the Government's decision back with him.

The British Government will disclose its views as soon as it considers such a disclosure in the general interest, it was understood.

### Liner Riding Out High Gale

London, February 3.—The Queen Mary, with 1,848 passengers on board, was riding out a roaring gale today outside Cherbourg Harbour, already 24 hours late and unable to unload her passengers because of the rough seas.

A sudden gust of wind damaged the 23,026 ton Washington, America's second largest liner, and drove her into the quay at Southampton.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

## Recognition Of Ho Chi-Minh

THE recognition of Ho Chi-minh by Soviet Russia would be laughable but for the fact that it is being taken so seriously. France, for example, regards the action as a violation of her 1944 Treaty with Russia: the United States' reaction is to extend immediate recognition to Bao Dai's regime: Britain deplores the Soviet move, and finds herself in a curious position. She has recognised the new Communist-dominated Government of China, but cannot, obviously extend any status to Ho Chi-minh. The Russian recognition of Ho cannot be regarded as anything else but a political move designed to embarrass France. The action, in effect, finally denies that France any longer possesses political or administrative title in Indo-China, which is manifestly incorrect. Secondly it assumes that Ho Chi-minh's regime is a government representing the people and able fully to control the country, which is equally incorrect. Peking would be entitled to regard the Soviet recognition as a subtle insult in that Moscow waited until the Kuomintang was finally driven from the Chinese mainland before extending diplomatic status to Mao Tse-tung, while with Ho Chi-minh the Kremlin has conferred upon him full recognition before he is in a position to make any practical use of it. In this case Russia has decided to give official backing to a rebel. Ho is nothing more than that. His administrative control is still difficult to determine—just where and to what degree. Russia's recognition, therefore, is extended to a shadow rather than a substance, and is a piously humorous political move aimed, one suspects, to bring confusion to the Western Allies. There is another consideration, by

recognising Ho Chi-minh, Russia might possibly render more difficult the practical implementation of the Paris Convention whereunder Bao Dai heads a government destined, eventually, to earn for Indo-China complete independence. Moscow, quite deliberately, ignores the fact that France is not immediately surrendering to Bao Dai full control of the French colony. Bao Dai's government will operate under a number of important restrictions. For example, it will not have complete independence in foreign affairs. French sovereignty, in its advisory capacity, will continue to exist until Bao Dai's administration has successfully emerged from its tutelage period. In this respect, therefore, Russia's recognition of Ho Chi-minh can be seen as a challenge to France's ability to maintain the Bao Dai regime in a manner that will make it effective. But its most sinister possibility is that it presages active Russian support for a southward expansion of militant Communism in Asia. In other words that both Russia and Communist China will throw military weight into the Indo-China balance to make sure that Ho Chi-minh duly commands control of sufficient territory to justify recognition of his government as the only one physically capable of administering the country. It is this, rather than Moscow's shallow action of extending recognition to Ho at the moment, which probably worries the Quai d'Orsay, for it is inconceivable that France, still the custodian of the future peace and prosperity of Indo-China, could stand aside and allow Communist troops from a neighbouring country to invade at will and destroy a regime with which France already has a working agreement.

## Chou En-lai In Moscow



Chou En-lai, Foreign Minister of the new People's Republic of China, reads a speech in the presence of Russian officials during his present visit to Moscow. Chou and Mao Tse-tung are said to be negotiating new treaties with Soviet Russia.—London Express Service.

## Candidates Gear Up Their Election Machinery

### ATTLEE'S CONFIDENT MOOD

London, Feb. 3.—With the King's proclamation dissolving Parliament today over 1,700 candidates in 625 constituencies throughout Britain geared up their election machinery to woo the 34,000,000 voters in the country.

The elector has 19 days—till February 23—to make up his mind who will represent him in Parliament for the next five years.

Asked whether Mr Winston Churchill, the Conservative leader, was "an enlightened Tory or one of the hard core," Mr Attlee answered, "He (Mr Churchill) had a great five years during the war, and because of that his place in history will always be very high."

"But since the war he has foundered about in a tragic fashion and the reason is that he has not really applied his mind to current economic problems of peace-time."

"LIVES IN PAST"

"In his (Mr Churchill's) attitude to Commonwealth affairs, too, he lives in the past," Mr Attlee continued.

"His is the sort of mind which still regards Dominions as colonies and colonies as dependencies."

"Remember how bitterly he fought against the liberating of India. I do not think that he has ever accepted the conception of a democratic world of states."

"I am afraid that Mr Churchill is one of the hard core."

The Prime Minister claimed, according to the editor of the Labour Daily Herald who interviewed him, that Labour had carried out far greater extensions of freedom in the Commonwealth than the Liberals had ever done when they had power.

The Liberals, he also said, had no real policy.

Mr Attlee was further quoted as saying that Communism was not an "adult" philosophy.—Reuter.

### FIRST ON JOB

First on the job today with a printed Election address was Mr Konrad Zilliacus, the foreign policy rebel who was expelled from the Labour Party last year, now standing as a Labour Independent in his present constituency Gateshead.

Mr Zilliacus' manifesto is supported by a special message from Mr George Bernard Shaw.

The General Election will decide public rejection or continued acceptance of Labour's concept of the "Socialist Welfare State". The campaign will extend throughout Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland will send 12 members to the British Parliament.

Labour polled nearly 12 million votes in 1945, the Conservatives polled 8,000,000 votes and "National" Liberals who are the allies of the Conservatives, polled 700,000 votes. The Liberals polled 2,200,000 votes, the Communists 102,700.

The original strength of the principal parties after the 1945 Election was: Labour 303; Conservatives 189; Liberals 12; "National" Liberals 13.

### FOREMOST ISSUE

Asked today what he believed was the foremost issue in the General Election, Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, said, "Full employment."

"The people will compare life in the past four and a half years with life before the war," he continued.

"They will compare the records of the two major parties in maintaining employment and their policies for maintaining it in the future."

"Labour wins hands down both on its record and its future policy. Therefore, Labour will win the Election."

Mr Attlee said that he was "greatly struck by the political maturity of our people today" and that although "there is much more enlightenment among the Tories than there used to be, the hard core of their Party still represents the interests."

### H.K. To Hear Election Talks

Radio Hongkong will be relaying all the BBC general election broadcast speeches, it was disclosed this morning.

The first will be heard tomorrow (Sunday) night at 7.30, the speaker being Mr Herbert Morrison.

Mr Anthony Eden will broadcast next Tuesday and it will be heard over Radio Hongkong first at 1 p.m. and then again at 7.30 p.m.

### Chinese Freighter Arrested

Brisbane, Feb. 3.—The Chinese 3,800-ton freighter, Union Star, was arrested here tonight on a writ issued by the Queensland Supreme Court on behalf of the United States Government against the Chinese (Nationalist) Government.

The United States Government sought the writ for non-payment of \$2 million, given by the United States to the ship in August, 1944.—Reuter.

## ARRESTED SCIENTIST KNEW "MOST VITAL" ATOM BOMB SECRETS May Have Been Passed On To The Russians

Washington, Feb. 3.—Officials said on Friday that the British scientist charged with espionage in London, knew United States "most vital" atomic bomb secrets and may have given them to Russia. If he did, they may have contributed to the surprising speed with which Russia developed atomic explosives. Dr Karl Fuchs, who worked in the U.S. wartime bomb project, was arrested in London on information supplied by the FBI.

The Joint Congressional atomic committee put atomic energy commissioners and officials in the witness box at a closed hearing shortly after learning of Dr Fuchs' arrest. It then scheduled another hearing for Saturday at which Lieutenant-General Leslie Groves, chief of the bomb project during the war, will testify about Dr Fuchs, the charges against whom have created a sensation in the highest level of the government. President Truman learned of the charges shortly after making his historic hydrogen-bomb announcement, on Tuesday discussed the case with his cabinet.

The AEC issued a statement making it clear that Fuchs knew bomb secrets which would have been of great use to Russia. By acting on atomic bomb explosion in 1949, Russia cut out to two years off estimates by U.S. military officials.

The chairman of the Atomic Committee, Senator Brian McMahon, said Fuchs' charges were "serious" and "his group would make a thorough investigation. The chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, John Wood, also promised an inquiry.

Senator Eugene Millikin, member of the Atomic Committee emerged from the closed session with the AEC's permission to report: "It appears the man has been in a position to get some of our secrets and pass them on to the Russians."

### IMPORTANT SECRETS

At Los Alamos, Fuchs learned the most important bomb secrets—the secret of the critical stage at which explosion will occur and the secret of bringing it about. If any security check was made of Fuchs, it was presumably made by the British, who put him on their atomic mission to the U.S.

Senator Millikin indicated that the Fuchs case would have a bearing on the question being discussed in atomic, legislative and administrative circles of restoring the wartime partnership with Britain and Canada. Asked what he thought of the advisability of stepping up peacetime interchange of atomic information with Britain and Canada, Senator Millikin reported that the U.S. would have to "take an inventory" to see if "we have any secrets left."

Senator McMahon congratulated the FBI director, Edgar Hoover, and his organization for the excellent work they have done in this case. The FBI supplied the information to Scotland Yard which led to Fuchs' arrest.

Senator McMahon said General Groves was being subpoenaed, but had already said he was willing to appear voluntarily. Asked why General Groves was called, Senator McMahon pointed out that Fuchs had worked here while General Groves was head of the atomic project.

"Fuchs had access to a wide area of the most vital information," he said, adding that he was informed about the Fuchs case yesterday afternoon after his speech in the Senate, proposing a new approach to world controls.

Representative James van Zandt, a member of the Atomic Committee, said "Fuchs' arrest shows that the world's greatest secret had been given to our enemy, the Russians."

### VERY GRAVE IMPORT

Still another well-informed source said this might prove "far more serious" than the Canadian scandal. He said preliminary evidence of "very grave import" had been given the Atomic Committee.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued a statement saying: "A British citizen has been shown to be a traitor and to have delivered to Russia the vital secret of the atomic bomb. The effect of this incident will cause us to tighten up our security regulations both here and abroad. The Atomic Committee is giving the materials

### most serious and earnest consideration."

The arrest of Dr Karl Fuchs on espionage charges was a big surprise to his wartime atomic associates here, who remembered the German-born Briton as an "extremely retiring and shy" man and "very studious." He was regarded by the scientific community, one man recalled, "as being very capable" in the field of nuclear physics.

Fuchs is 38 "but looks as though he were in his early thirties." He is slight, about five feet nine inches tall, with a dark complexion, wears glasses and speaks with a heavy German accent. While his full name is Klaus Emil Julius Fuchs, he was known in the United States atomic project as Karl.—United Press.

### Grenades Thrown Into Car Park

Singapore, Feb. 3.—Two hand grenades were thrown into a vehicle park crowded with omnibuses near the centre of Singapore city tonight.

One exploded, slightly damaging two buses, while the other hit a Sikh watchman but did not explode. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

### Landing Repulsed

Taipei, Feb. 3.—Chinese Communists tried to land on January 28 on Nansha Island, off the mainland port of Swatow, the Defence Ministry disclosed today.

It said several hundred Reds were driven off when they approached in a flotilla of junk.—Associated Press.

## Bergman & Rossellini "Delighted"

Rome, Feb. 3.—Ingrid Bergman's baby will probably be called Roberto, Dr Pier Luigi Guidotti, who attended at the birth, said today.

At Miss Bergman's bedside almost constantly since the baby was born last night has been Roberto Rossellini, Italian film producer, who has expressed his wish to marry the Swedish star when she has divorced her husband, Dr Peter Lindstrom of Hollywood.

Ingrid last saw her husband on May 3 and filed divorce proceedings in Juarez, Mexico, early this week. Dr Guidotti divorced "will come through soon" and that she and Rossellini "will be married immediately afterwards."

Dr Guidotti told The Associated Press, "They seem very much in love and very happy. They eagerly and happily awaited the birth of the child. Both were delighted it was a boy."

Francesco Diamanti, President of the Villa Santa Margherita Hospital, where the baby was born, told The Associated Press he had been informed that the baby would be baptised soon in the Roman Catholic faith.—Associated Press.

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WHEN YOU DOUBLE-CROSS A DOUBLE-CROSSER.



What happens when film people go on the stage?

## Why make these stars look RIDICULOUS?

British film companies are in danger of making some of their newer stars look a little ridiculous.

They are the artists who have contracts, but not enough parts—and who are glad to accept stage engagements when they can get them.

Studio heads are glad to give permission; it helps to keep their discoveries in the public eye during difficult times. But the film employers have exaggerated ideas about these youngsters' importance in the theatre.

Such inflated ideas are more calculated to harm than help the film newcomers' reputations. Some of them realise this—and are now sensibly protesting.

### Level-headed

★ One popular screen actor recently lost a good West End stage part. The theatre management would not agree to the absurd publicity and occasional demands by his film employers. Another well known film actor told me he had refused the offer of a stage part he very much wanted to play.

Refused it because his employers insisted on the theatre giving him top-starring, above artists with more important roles.

The management were prepared to agree—but not the actor, who is a level-headed fellow. So he loses the chance of some valuable experience.

### No fanfare

★ Other film stars—and starlets—have not been so sane-minded, and the studios have made publicity and occasional of their premieres. Too often the fuss has been in reverse proportion to the feted star's part—and performance.

How differently do theatrical producers arrange these matters. Last week there was no preliminary fanfare for three brilliant performances by young artists out of the ranks—Heather Stannard and Denholm Elliott

SHOW TALK by HAROLD CONWAY



A plum part  
SHEILA BURRELL

In "Venues Observed," Richard Burton in that other Fry play at Hammersmith.

No high-powered publicity either for another ex-West End repertory actress, Mary Kerridge—whose fine work in "Bonaventures" won first-night cheers recently.

These four performances alone could teach most of our young screen stars a lesson in technique. But the artists who give them have no star billing—nor expect it.

By all means let the studio heads encourage their idle contract players to seek more experience on the stage.

But they should be content to let them find their own level with audiences—and enjoy the limelight after they have earned it.

### Takes over

★ Eighteen months ago Sheila Burrell—young cousin of Sir Laurence Olivier—acted "the Foreign Lady" whom the King loves in Dublin's Abdication play.

Now she is to play the role of a lady who married a king and lost her head—Anne Boleyn in "The White Falcon," which opens a pre-West End run at Blackpool on February 7.

## Corinne

### —THE GLAMOUR STAR THE NAZIS CHANGED— NEARLY CAME BACK

by R. M. MacCOLL

A once brilliantly pretty film star who, said the enthusiastic fans just before the war, "had everything," died a few days ago in the paupers' ward of a Paris hospital.

She was spurned by her native France for making friends among the Nazi High Command. She was friendless, penniless. And she was barely 29 years old.

She was Corinne Luchaire, who at 17 started in "Prison Without Bar," and, having scored a hit in France, was asked to go to Hollywood to do an English version with British Herbert Marshall acting opposite her.

### FATHER AND DAUGHTER

CORINNE LUCHAIRE'S was no rage-to-riches romance. For her father, Jean Luchaire, whom she adored—was a rich French business man, a Corinne was born when he himself was only 17, and he lavished on her everything that his wealth could buy. Father and daughter became inseparable.

Corinne's success in films was immediate. Even without her father's money behind her, she would have made good with her grace, charm, and otherworldly schoolgirlish good looks.

"She is the eternal schoolgirl," wrote one critic. "She is the young daughter that any father of a family would be proud to claim as his own."

Then the shadows lengthened over Europe. Germany struck and France fell. Father Luchaire and his schoolgirl daughter

chose a sombre part. To the horror of patriotic Frenchmen, Jean Luchaire was appointed Minister of Information and Propaganda in the Vichy Government—as the French Goebbels.

Corinne herself started a life of easy friendships with such Nazi bigwigs as von Ribbentrop and Otto Abetz, German war-time "ambassadors" to France, who is now serving a long-term prison sentence.

Corinne lived high. It was a life of adulation and luxury cars, no rationing—she used to dine with her friends at smart Paris restaurants for £75 a head—and endless champagne.

When the German Army fled, Jean Luchaire fled with them.

At Mierano, in the Austrian Tyrol, Allied counter-intelligence agents caught up with them.

The pretty girl was handed over to the French, and thrown into a prison—with bars. Her father was shot as a traitor.

### IN THE DOCK

IN 1940 came Corinne's turn. Even spectators who had come to hiss her in court were silenced by the terrible change in her as she walked into the dock. She was gaunt and haggard. A bright spot of unhealthy colour glowed in each cheek. She was racked by coughing.

In her prison-with-bars she had contracted T.B.

She was condemned to 10 years of "national indignity" and set free.

The dark days continued. "National indignity" meant that all Corinne's civil rights were taken away, and all her property except for the most meagre personal trinkets.

Without a passport and without money, she eked out existence in a Paris slum.

Recently there had been talk of a possible "comeback." Nobody believed it. But when they went through her slender belongings the night she died they found it was true.

They found a contract from a well-known Italian director offering her a role in a film in Rome. She had accepted and signed the contract.

(London Express Service)

## HOW NOT TO MAKE LOVE —BY NOVARRO



NOVARRO, 1931

Ramon Novarro, one time "great lover of the screen," said in Hollywood the other day that the films, modern lovers are vulgar bullies.

"They have no finesse," he complained. "There is no Continental kissing—kissing of hands, necks and ears. The boys would rather slug their ladies first than make love to them."

"In my day we put women on a pedestal. When we did get passionate we did it with reverence. Nowadays they grab the leading lady, slap her in the face, kick her, pull her hair and then growl: 'How about it, kid?'"

"How far can you get by pushing their faces in?"

"You get much better results if you kiss their necks, hands and ears."

(London Express Service)

## WEEK-END SCREEN FARE

My Dream Is Yours (QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA) is a technicolour musical with Doris Day, Jack Carson, Lee Bowman, Adolphe Menjou, Eve Arden and S. Z. Sakall. It is directed by Michael Curtiz, who directed that excellent earlier Doris Day musical, "Romance on the High Seas," and that should be sufficient guarantee of two hours of enjoyable entertainment.

Dawn Must Come (KING'S, LEE & LIBERTY) is a Cantonese film. It is said to be one of the best produced in the dialect.

Fury in Their Hearts (ROXY & BROADWAY) is another Chinese film that may be said to be a Chinese version of "The Good Earth." It is a story of the Chinese peasant and the problems he has to face. There are some fighting scenes in which the ancient Chinese boxing technique is demonstrated.

## JEAN SIMMONS IS 21



Jean Simmons, screen darling of the tired business man and Mr Rank's greatest hope, was 21 on January 31. She already has the key of the door.

She has gone from her family home in Cricklewood, moved into a flat off Manchester Square, W.

To reach her you climb two flights of stairs: there is no lift. Jean lives alone. A German-born housekeeper—grey-haired Mrs Allen—looks after her.

Says Jean: "When I told Mummy I would like my own flat, she asked me why I wanted to leave home. She soon got used to the idea. Now she has more time to herself."

The flat has four rooms, no spare bedroom.

### NO YOUNG MEN

Tea is taken in the drawing-room overlooking the square. Walls are of silver grey and white. Velvet curtains, window seats and sofa are red, contrasting with the pale green carpet. Only photographs of show are one of Jean's 25-year-

old sister Edna, and another of Bernard Shaw.

"I don't keep a gallery of young men's portraits," says Jean.

(London Express Service)



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Dad's Birthday Waltz (Martine)—Donald Peers with BBC Variety Orch.; Thoughtless (Kaye)—Doris Day and the Modernaires; The Lord of the Dance (Evans)—Ray

Louis Armstrong and His Hot Six: "I'm Blowing My Fingertails" (West)  
 The Andrews Sisters and Ernest Hubble: "Whistle Your Story" (Daily)  
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 1255 "RING OF THE CURTAIN"  
 BBC OPERA ORCHESTRA.  
 Conductor: Sir Richard  
 Maureen Springler (soloist).  
 Robert (soloist).

10.00	DIS. DEN. RADIO NEWSPAPER	by Hans Moller	Op. 35
10.10	BBC NORTHEN ORCHESTRA	Ballets No. 5 in F Major (Op. 35)	(Chopin)
10.15	WALT CLUB	Minor Op. 15, No. 5 (Rachmaninov)	
10.45	WARZ AFFAIRS	Movements Perpetuals (Poulenc)	
10.50	Survey by the Hon. Harold Nicolson	Stude (Bridges)	(1930)
11.00	THE NEWS	10.15 CHANTO TALK KING	
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## Younger Men In U.S. Senate

By WARREN DUFFEE

THE United States Senate is getting younger. The average age of the current Senate is 57 years and about two months.

Two years ago the average was just over 58. Republicans are younger than Democrats in the present Senate with an average age of 55.5 to 57.5 for the Democrats.

But although the current crop is a shade younger on the average, the age span from the oldest to the youngest is one of the Senate's widest in history—51 years.

It goes all the way from the veteran Senator Theodore Francis Green, Democrat of Rhode Island, the oldest member, who is 82, to Senator Russell B. Long, Democrat of Louisiana, who was 31 on November 3 last.

### UNDER 40

Long, son of Louisiana's late Kingfish, Huey P. Long, was elected to the Senate on November 2, 1948, one day before he reached his 30th birthday.

The Senate has three members under 40 and only two over 80. Besides Long, the "youngsters" include Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Democrat of Minnesota, who is 38, and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, who will be 40 on November 14.

Senator Kenneth McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, president pro tempore, is second to Green in age at 80.

Close behind Long, Humphrey, and McCarthy in the "youth" contest are Senator William E. Jenner, and William F. Knowland, in that order. Both recently turned 41.

After Green and McKellar in age come Senator Clyde R. Reed, at 73, and then Senators Matthew M. Neely, and James E. Murray. Murray barely shades Senators Elmer Thomas and Pat McCarran.

### "AVERAGE" SIZED UP

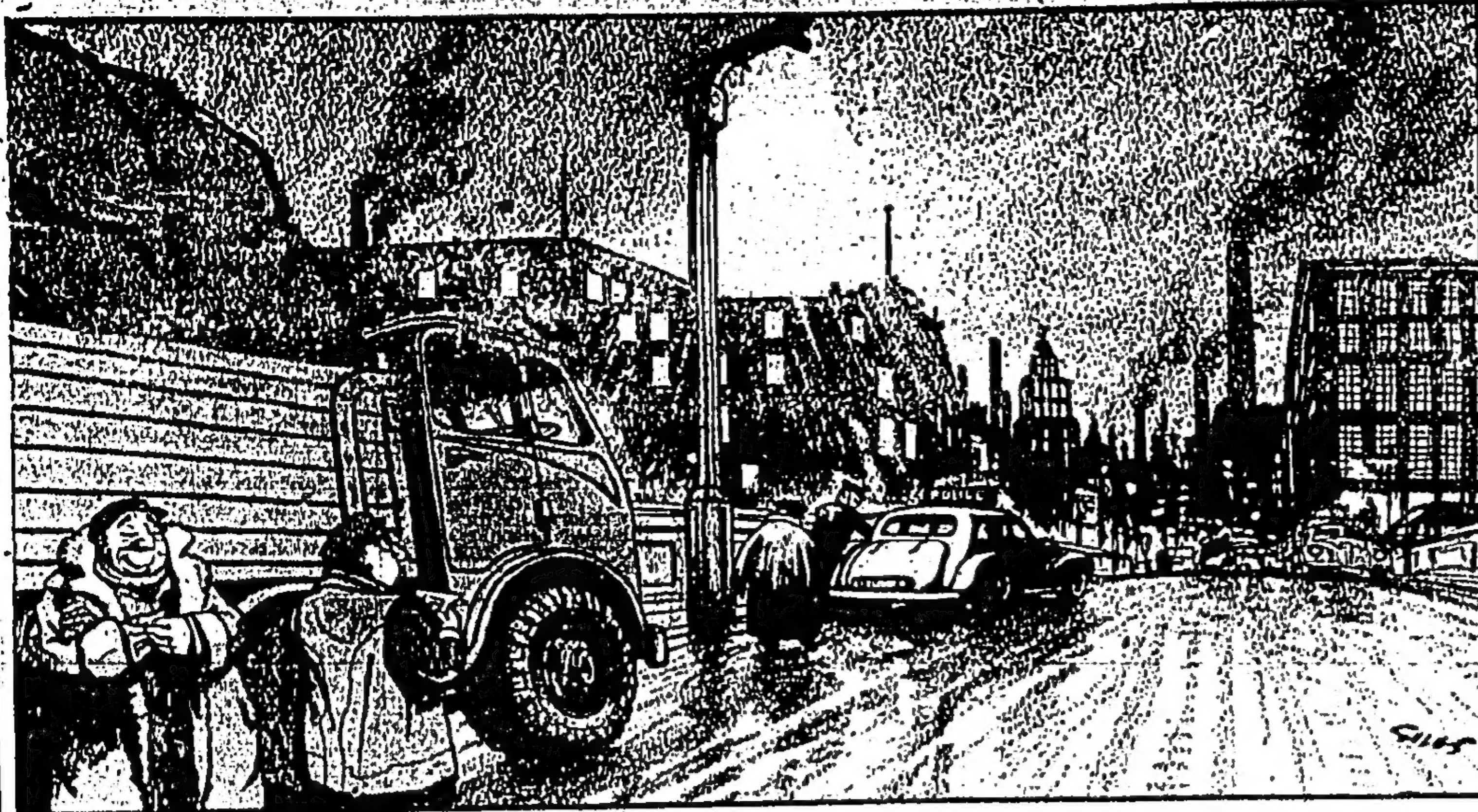
There's no such thing as an "average senator," but if there were he'd be 57 years old and the chances would be about one in three he wouldn't smoke.

Also, the odds would be almost one in four he was born in one of five states—Massachusetts, South Dakota, Alabama, Iowa, or West Virginia. These five are the birthplaces of 22 of the 96 senators.

Like a lot of other people, some senators are coy about their ages and don't list them in the Congressional Directory. Of the 96 incumbents, 11 left their ages out of their most recent biographical sketches in the directory.

Incidentally, the U.S. upper chamber's only woman member, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Republican of Maine, doesn't look her 50 years.

Only six of the 96 hit the average age of 57 with their 1949 birthdays—Senators George D. Aiken, Paul H. Douglas, Spessard L. Holland, Lester C. Hunt, Leverett Saltonstall, and Kenneth S. Wherry.—United Press.



"When a cop says, 'Where do you think you're going—Monte Carlo Rally?' and you say 'Yes,' you might as well say, 'Please, Mr. Policeman, make my speeding fine double'"

—(London Express Service)

## My gangster son strikes again!

BERNARD WICKSTEED

reports a cherubic Raffles at work

WHILE everyone is talking about the turn of the 20th century I have a problem of my own, and that is the progress of a gangster aged two and a half.

This juvenile delinquent, this enemy of society that I harbour at home, has entered a new phase of his career down the slippery slope. He has given up toy-snatching and other crimes of violence and taken to the confidence trick.

Six months ago he was simply a muscle man with a Bowery accent that no one could understand. When people opposed him or misunderstood what he said he flew in a rage and beat them up.

But that's all small stuff to him now, and he is launching out as a society crook, a cherubic Raffles who enraptures his victims before robbing them.

### Crook's dream

GULLIBLE women are his favourite prey. When aunts and others take him on their knees to cuddle he doesn't kick them in the shins any more or try to scratch their eyes out.

He allows them to pet him because, while they are doing it, he can rob their handbags and remove their jewels.

With the house full of guests and relations at Christmas he made some wonderful hauls. Boxes of chocolates, gold cigarette cases and parcels of presents lay around all over the place. It was a perfect set-up, a master crook's dream, and nothing was missed by his nimble fingers.

Each "job" was planned with cunning and skill. The first thing a crook has to do at a party is to create confidence, and he did this by moving about among the guests making small-talk about pussy cats and "bow-wow".

### Daring plan

THE HOUSE detectives, as charmed as everyone else, and as completely deceived, relaxed their watch, and the stage was set for part two of the plan.

On Boxing Day he used an accomplice for one of his jobs. He couldn't reach the remains of cold turkey on the table so he lifted the cat up to get some of it for him. When the four-legged dupe jumped down with a drumstick he took it from her mouth and didn't even give her a share.

### SMASHER WICKSTEED

—plans a raid

This was as simple as it was daring. He went round the room openly with a shopping basket and pinched everything in sight.

The grown-ups were so engrossed in themselves, and the other children so busy hunting slippers and thimbles, that he cleaned up without anyone noticing, and made his getaway on a fast tricycle.

By the time the hue and cry went up he'd cached his swag in the kitchen and was mixing once again, innocently and empty-handed, with the guests.

Women, who love to think they are reforming a crook, are constantly covering up his crimes. He leaves his fingerprints all over the house—in strawberry jam or treacle usually—and instead of preserving them for the police these women go round removing the evidence with damp cloths.

### Grape-lifter

AT NIGHT they give him sweets and tell him to be good, and he looks back at them like a blond angel who couldn't do wrong. Yet all the time, hidden under the blankets of the cot, he has a regular arsenal and burglar's outfit consisting of torches, plastic guns, water pistols, wigs, and false noses.

He's already teaching himself to pick locks. If he could write I'm sure he'd forge checks, and his knowledge of blackmailing methods is frightening.

We might be able to hush all this up if he would confine his criminal activities to the house, but recently he has taken to shop-lifting. The greengrocer is the principal victim, and grapes his speciality.

There isn't a grape-lifter in the neighbourhood to touch him. His technique is to wait till his mother has engaged the greengrocer in conversation and then to knock off a grape from the front of the shop.



## And now five minutes each week-end with—

## THE Wittiest MEN

conversations perfectly delightful. NO ONE minds what Jerrys says—it is not more than a week ago since I heard him speak—disconcertingly of the equator.

### PRaise

AMONG the smaller duties of life, I hardly know any more important than that of not praising where praise is not due.

### SPLINTERS

POVERTY is no disgrace to a man, but it is confoundingly inconvenient.

WHAT IS childhood but a series of happy delusions?

IT REQUIRES a surgical operation to get a joke well into a Scotch understanding.

OH, WHEN I have the gout I feel as if I was walking on my eyeballs.

DON'T TALK to me of not being able to cough a speaker down; try the whooping-cough.

THERE ARE very few who would not rather be hated than laughed at.

I LOOK upon Switzerland as an inferior sort of Scotland.

HOW CAN a Bishop marry? How can he flirt? The most he can say is, "I will see you in the vestry after the service."

YOU NEVER expected Justice from a company, did you? They have, neither a soul to lose, nor a body to kick.

### POLITICS

WHEN I hear any man talk of an unalterable law, the only effect it produces upon me is to convince me that he is an unalterable fool.

### TABLE TALK

MY IDEA of heaven is eating fole gras to the sound of trumpets.

MADAM, I have been looking for a person who disliked gravy, all my life. Let us swear eternal friendship.

NO I can't eat oat-cake. It's too rich for me.

THANK GOD for tea! What would the world do without tea! How did it exist? I am glad I was not born before tea. I THINK breakfast's so pleasant because no one is concerned before one o'clock. I AM convinced digestion is the great secret of life.

—(London Express Service)

Gentlemen, be at your ease—be steady and quiet. You will beat Mrs. Partington.

### SALAD

Sydney Smith's rhymed "Recipe for a Salad" is another example of his versatile talent. It includes these much-quoted lines:—

"Let onion atoms lurk within the bowl, And, half suspected, animate the whole."

Oh, green and glorious! Oh, herbaceous treat! 'Twould tempt a dying anachronist to eat.

Back to the world he'd turn his feeting soul And plunge his fingers in the salad-bowl!

Serenely full, the epicure would say, Fate cannot harm me, I have dined today."

### WIT

He himself said of wit that he could no more define it than he could define the flavour of venison. And he—not very seriously—suggested that a man "by giving up only six hours a day to being witty" would "come on prodigiously before midsummer" so that his friends would hardly know him.

### LONDON AND THE COUNTRY

IN THE country I always fear that creation will expire before tea-time.

I HAVE no relish for the country: it is a kind of healthy grave.

A FEW YARDS in London dissolve or cement friendship.

### THE CLERGY

THE DEAN of—deserves to be preached to death by wild curates.

### MEN OF LETTERS

MACAULAY has occasional flashes of silence that make his

SYDNEY SMITH, born at Woodford, Essex, 1771, took Holy Orders, and in 1831 was appointed a canon of St. Paul's. Died, 1845. While at Edinburgh he helped to found the Edinburgh Review, proposing as its motto "Tenet musam meditantur avena": "We cultivate literature on a little oatmeal."

Going to London he attracted attention by his lectures and was taken up by society, particularly by the Holland House set. He was a brilliant conversationalist—the witliest of his day. In his writings he is best in passages of sustained, ridicule which cannot easily be detached from their context.

There is a good biography of him by Hesketh Pearson, "The Smith of Smiths" (1934).

An odd by-product of his genius was the creation of Mrs. Partington, a famous character in political mythology. She first appeared in a speech he made at Taunton in 1832. Here she is:—

### DAME PARTINGTON

I DO not mean to be disrespectful, but the attempt of the Lords to stop the progress of reform reminds me very forcibly of the great storm at Sidmouth, and of the conduct of the excellent Mrs. Partington on that occasion.

In the winter of 1824, there set in a great flood upon that town—the tide rose to an incredible height—the waves rushed in upon the houses, and every thing was threatened with destruction!

In the midst of this sublime and terrible storm, Dame Partington, who lived upon the beach, was seen at the door of her house with a mop and pail, trundling her mop, squeezing out the seawater, and vigorously pushing away the Atlantic Ocean.

The Atlantic was roused. Mrs. Partington's spirit was up; but I need not tell you that the contest was unequal. The Atlantic Ocean beat Mrs. Partington. She was excellent at a mop, or a puddle, but she should not have meddled with a tempest.

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**SQUIBB**  
MEDICINALS

## Uncle Charlie discovers Art

LAST night I got a 'phone call from my Aunt Frieda.

"If you can come quick," she said, "come quick. Your Uncle Charlie is in trouble."

Half an hour later I was in the flat on the lower East Side where Frieda has been keeping house and henrich for my uncle for the past 30 years.

"What's up?" I asked. "Charlie is hiding in Brooklyn with his brother," said Frieda. "Hiding from what?"

"From Herman Schloomp, the butcher, who is telling how he is going to knock out your uncle's eye."

"What did Charlie do to Schloomp?"

"What didn't he do?" said Frieda. "But better I should tell it to you in sequins."

"SO happens last summer your uncle and me, we are one afternoon taking the air on Delancey Street. On the sidewalk like always, is all kinds of chalk-marks and scratch-ups from children, which your uncle has been seeing all his life."

"Very touching," says Charlie. "I'm here on the sidewalks the

by Billy Rose

soul of the East Side trying for some kind expression. Some day should be a real painter to draw up the neighbourhood."

"Well, like you know, with Charlie to think is to do something crazy. The next night he is going to the settlement house and joining a art class. And in the room is sitting a fat girl in a kimono on a platform and the scholars are holding out their thumbs and squinting with the eyes."

The next day he is going up town to the Museum for Modern Art, and when he gets back he is all agoggle.

"Frieda, he says, to be a painter, a man don't need perspective. What he needs is guitars. A picture can be a piece of fruit or a chair with one leg—makes no difference so long as in the corner is a guller."

"So, for the next week he is painting guitars—Moon Over Stanton Street with Guitars, Baby on Pushcart with Guitars, and even a picture, Guller with Guitars."

"Then a few weeks later as the crowd files is opening in the Metropolitan for 50 cents a show from a Frankman—Van Glick—Van Goldberg, something—



"What's the difference so long as you're healthy," said Aunt Frieda. "When Charlie is coming from the museum he is saying 'Today I find out something absolutely hair-raising. This Van Glick is all his life selling one picture for few measly dollars but now when he's dead and can't eat, his paintings is worth 30 million. No wonder he is cutting off his ear and they got to drag him to a asylum.'"

"NEXT day Charlie is going to see our butcher. 'I am going to paint a mural on your wall,' he says, a whole panorama all kinds succulent meats. Will be good for the cash register."

"Schloomp says, 'What I got to lose, and so Charlie paints him a mural which he calls by name, the Spirit of Meat. When it is finished, Schloomp is saying when he sees your uncle he knocks out his eye.'"

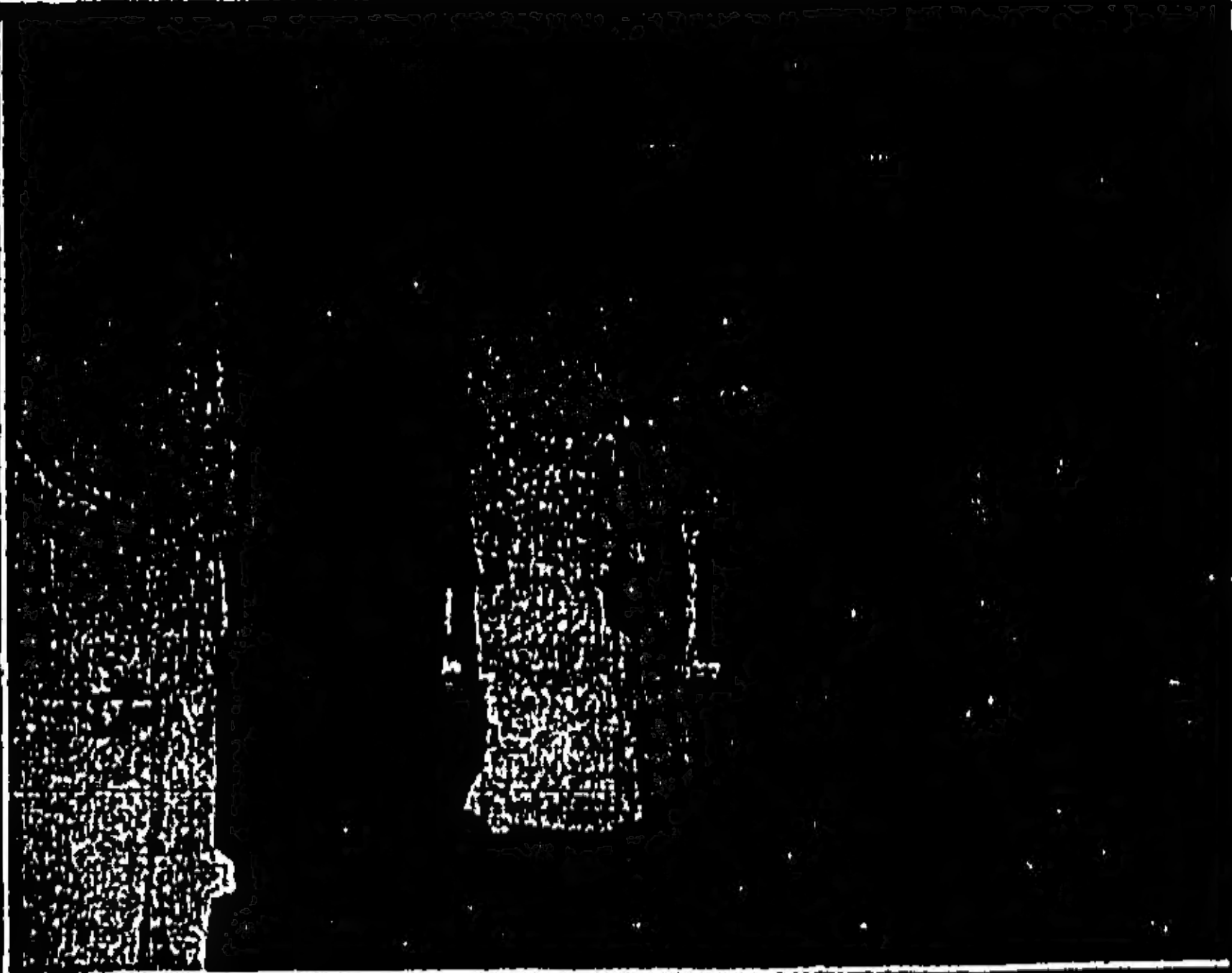
"Was it that bad?" I asked. "A man could go bankrupt from such a picture," said my Aunt Frieda. "In Herman's strictly Kosher store your uncle is painting on the wall nice cuts of Rindercut chuck steaks, first-class plucked chickens."

"But in the middle is the Spirit of Meat holding a 15lb. you should excuse the expression—Virginia ham."

"Van Gogh!" I suggested.

—(London Express Service)





WAYFOONG and Tai-koo met in a friendly inter-hong cricket match at Chater Road last Sunday. The former won by two wickets. Picture shows the two teams before the match. (Ming Yuen)

LEFT: Wedding group taken outside the Roman Catholic Cathedral last week. The groom is Mr Chan Pul-kai, a well-known Chinese accountant, and the bride formerly Miss Renee Mei-lin Wan. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

FOUR pictures taken at the reception given by the India Association of Hongkong to celebrate the inauguration of the Indian Republic. Upper pictures show HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and the GOC-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh, greeting their hosts on arrival. The Governor is seen again in picture at lower right with prominent Indian residents. At lower left may be seen the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. R. R. Todd, the Attorney General, the Hon. J. B. Griffin, the Hon. T. N. Chau and Mr W. J. Carrie. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR D. S. Robb, Chieftain of St Andrew's Society, is seen in picture at left addressing the Burns Night gathering at the Hongkong Hotel. On the right and below are some of those who were present on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Thomas C. Chien helps his bride, the former Miss Cecilia Dunne, to cut the cake following their wedding last week at St Andrew's Church. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



AFTER their wedding at the Rosary Church on Monday: Mr Antonio C. de Sousa and Miss Elvira Maria dos Remedios. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Mr T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, receives from Mr Li King-lam, representing the kaitongs of Aberdeen, a scroll presented to him as a token of appreciation of his efforts to develop education in Aberdeen. The ceremony took place at the Education Department's new offices in Happy Valley last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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## Beaty On The Beach

By Lorna Westall

THERE is a style of car which Americans call "convertibles." One of the main features of Moygashel's show at the Dorchester Hotel, Mayfair, was a "convertible" beach outfit, with boleros and fly-away jackets serving as the drop-head coupes. One "Londonus" beach-suit had a black and white jacket and skirt in spun rayon. The skirt buttoned down the front had a double inverted pleat at the back. Skirt and jacket were joined by an emerald green belt. When removed, the coat revealed a black halter-neck sun-top.

Another outfit in linen consisted of a green button-

through skirt and a grey shirt-bouse. Unbutton the skirt—and there are your beach shorts in striking terra cotta colour contrast. The not-so-sylph-like, incidentally, can shed their fears about shorts. These ones of Louis London's show the slimming lines which are specially designed to dispel such fears—for instance, the side openings, buttoning diagonally.



The Junior Miss is prepared for street or beach. In the street, she wears the fly-away bolero. For the beach she removes it to show a cuffed sun-top with shoulder straps. The white waist-coat effect is fresh and contrasts well against a tanned skin. The whole outfit is in uncrushable linen.



Seen here is a Rochester House beach outfit in spun rayon. Plunging suntop in navy and red matches red cuff shorts.

And talking of linen—a word now about the fabrics which the Moygashel group creates. The group is particularly interested in the lighter weight categories which interest buyers in the United States and in South America, where beach wear is in demand all the year round. At this beach-wear show they introduced the results of the past year's experiments—five new fabrics in lightweight rayon, of which three were hand-prints, three new wool mixtures suitable for summer and fit for summer suiting, and Macroom, a fine new linen. Some of the linens which the world produced after the war would have rivalled the proverbial penitent's horse-hair shirt for comfort. The newest fabrics are a far cry from these. And, very important they are eminently durable and wash well.



For the morning aperitif au bord de la mer or the yacht club lunch, the Moygashel group have designed numbers of suits smart enough to be dressed up for late-day wear. London has not waited for Paris to show her the new "cosack" line, but has gone ahead and introduced it into this summer's fashions. You find it in many of these rayon and linen suits, neatly belted, bloused-backed, pencil-skirted.

Atrima showed a neat, roll-collared model, with side buttoning on the light skirt. Especially pleasing was a tobacco colour "Two Steeples" suit with a pencil skirt which you could actually move in with comfort—Paris designers please note. At the bottom there were new "kick pleats" on each side, which allowed a more generous freedom of movement than this style usually provides. Over it was a white-tinted boxy jacket, boasting a double row of but-

tons in front, and an interesting design in white applied at the back.

As regards "non-convertibles," the rayon and linen dresses showed several new lines. Pockets are still important and are often big enough to curve round the back of the dress. Many are buttoned, and some are stiffened to stand away from the hipline. The hip line itself is often low, and sometimes emphasized by a broad stripe, or a circling fringe—a line which will definitely not do for our plumper selves. Waist-belts are thin—I saw none of the "cummerbund" type belts which used to top drilled skirts. In dresses on the whole, skirts were on the narrow side, but care had been taken to allow, and suggest, movement, particularly by the use of pleats. As for colours, London is not seeing "red" as much as Paris, although there were several models in scarlet and vermillion. On the whole, slate, donkey, stone and neutral colours were preferred, and interchangeable accessories were relied on to enliven and brighten.



One feature at the Moygashel show which is sure to prove popular is matching shoes. Lotus have designed shoes in Moygashel fabrics to match summer suits, dresses and beach-wear. A corollary blue dress was worn with shoes of the same fabric and colour; the shoes were trimmed with dark blue place kid and had the currently popular ankle-straps.

## REMARKS

I had only two criticisms. The first was with some of the strapless tops of the playsuits, which did not seem very safe or practical. Most sunsuits, however, were well constructed.



A Louis London's strapless playsuit in "Moygashel" Irish Linen, skilfully modelled in shaded coloured panels. The playsuit also includes pantes. A halter strap is also provided for use where preferred.

Whispers of  
Springtime



By Grace Thorncliffe

ILLUSTRATED today is a three-piece costume that, while designed primarily for southern resort wear now, would be perfect for early spring at home. First a sheath of a dress in sheer navy wool, made with a camisole top and broad shoulder straps. Over it is a little short-sleeved front-buttoned jacket, and finally, over the two is shown a banana yellow tweed top, cut on loose lines, with flapped patch pockets and wide-turn back cuffs.

How Miss Mayo  
Perfected Her  
Figure

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD, VIRGINIA MAYO'S figure is so perfect that a famous artist once said it convinced him of the existence of God. Miss Mayo disclosed how it became that way.

Just exercise, she said. Horseback riding, mostly, and outdoor living.

"Of course," she added, "I imagine there must have been something to start with. Any girl has to have a better than ordinary figure to get to the Diamond Horseshoe in New York. That's where they found me for the screen."

"But I have a better figure now than I did six years ago. And I think horseback riding has done it."

She and her husband, Michael O'Shea, live on a small ranch near Van Nuys. Both have saddle horses, and both are out of doors and on the bridle paths as much as possible.

And although many think that bouncing along on a horse broadens the beam and bows the legs, there's no evidence of such damage on Miss Mayo's chassis.

Fans who want to see what the artists rave about will get their chance in Warner's "The Hawk and the Arrow" in one scene. Miss Mayo takes a dip in a blue mountain pool. You can find out then what horseback riding does for the figure. —United Press

BETTY WILSON'S PARIS COLUMN

## An umbrella for the motorist

PARIS umbrella makers have at last come to grips with the motorist who complains that he can never find his umbrella when he is ready to make a dash from his car to the front door.

Their idea is to keep his umbrella under his eye by pinning it up with a couple of press-studged leather loops, to which outside safety pins are attached. These are meant to be pinned on the roof, or on the seat back, so that the umbrella can be thrust through them.

On the whole, however, Paris umbrella designers lean rather more to the fanciful this season. Umbrellas are slimmer, shorter and more delicate.

Fabrics for covers include flower-brocaded lame lined with gold lame; handles are made from carved ivory, amber, silver, gilt or from old opium pipes, made of silver studded with jade, turquoise and cornelian.

The fourth is a short (mid-calf) evening dress, made in emerald-green faille, with two panels giving an uneven hem line.

Accessories include shoes from every famous shoemaker in the world (London, Paris, Rome, Milan, New York), four handbags in different coloured crocodile, and two umbrellas with rounded crook handles—the ones the Parisians call the Chamberlains.

The star, Joseph Cotton, visited Paris recently and walked into Pierre Balmain's dress house one day to choose some presents to take back to his wife in the U.S.A.

He sat through the winter and advance spring collections finally chose Balmain's big and bulky coat in heavy scarlet blanket cloth, edged and lined with black and white tivet fox.

His other present from the collection was a coat, too—a sweeping double coat (Chinese style) for evening wear. The top layer of this coat is in heavy rose-coloured satin, second layer is in dusky mignonette-green velvet lined with rose.

On the way out Joseph Cotton stopped long enough in the boutique (every Paris dress house has opened a boutique now to sell simpler dresses and accessories) to choose a sweater and the biggest bottle of "Vent Vert" (Balmain's special light perfume) that the house could find.

NOMINATED as one of the world's ten best-dressed women, Mrs. Jacqueline Delubac, former (third) wife of actor

Sucha Guitry, has left Paris to take up a New York radio and television contract with what must be one of the most complete Paris wardrobes.

Madame Delubac, who is dressed by Paquin, hatted by Caroline Reboux, took with her a full-length wild mink coat, lined with silver lame to match a ruler-straight, mid-calf silver lame dress, a short astrakhan coat and a bulky three-quarter lynx.

Her day dresses are all slim and narrow, with a wrap-round swirl often giving movement at one side.

Three of her four newest evening dresses are long, in black velvet, white satin and pale rose-pink satin over pleated rose tulle.

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Draped cocktail dress in Royal blue faille, made by Paquin for Jacqueline Delubac's United States wardrobe. London Express Service.

A Trouser  
Year In  
The Making

A trouser year is in the making for play-clothes. Fresh impetus has come from Paris in "camouflaged" trousers like culottes and skirt-length pants under loose-panel overskirts. Both allow the comfort of trousers AND a skirt look. Silks continue a steady comeback, especially when teamed with a sweater top which can make a costume of blacks. Boy shorts look even more important if possible, in the swing of things toward more boyishness. Sleevelessness is headed for much wider representation in all sportswear types.

Modern Oriental is another growing influence—little mandarin tops for everything from beach to evening wear.

Sweaters have real meaning in resort fashions this year, adapted to resort climates by minimum sleeves and cool cotton of linen knits; styled along that middle-road between blouse and sweater. Not let-up on the short cardigan, either. Here, too, the fashion is on the upswing—especially beachwear, as terry-lined beach wraps of all sorts.



Double coat (Chinese fashion) in silk and velvet—chosen by Joseph Cotton.

## Look Out for Double Chin



Courtesy Frances Denney  
If you think a double chin is forming, cream the area well at night. Then wipe away cream, moisten piece of gauze with astringent, hold in place with chin strap.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PLUMP ladies should keep a weather eye on the southern sections of their faces. A chin that has been behaving very nicely for years, keeping in perfect form, may suddenly decide to go double. That, and the cream puff shape, are the penalties a woman pays for not minding her diet rules. If she consumes more calories than the daily expenditure of energy burns up, they will be stored away in the form of adipose tissue. Of sweets, starches and fats she should have but the smallest quantities.

It is taken for granted that every woman will cream her complexion before she tucks herself into bed at night. If she does that a tiny line is forming under her chin, let her take warning: a spare chin, of which she will have no use whatever, is on the way. That "is the time" to take action.

Apply a heavy cream to a clean skin at face. Start the

treatment at the collar bones, smoothing up and down over the neck with flattened fingers. Pinching the finger tips under the chin, sweep outward along the jaw line to the ear lobes. Then, with fingers and thumbs, placed below the chin do light pinching movements. Pressure will weaken fat cells that are forming.

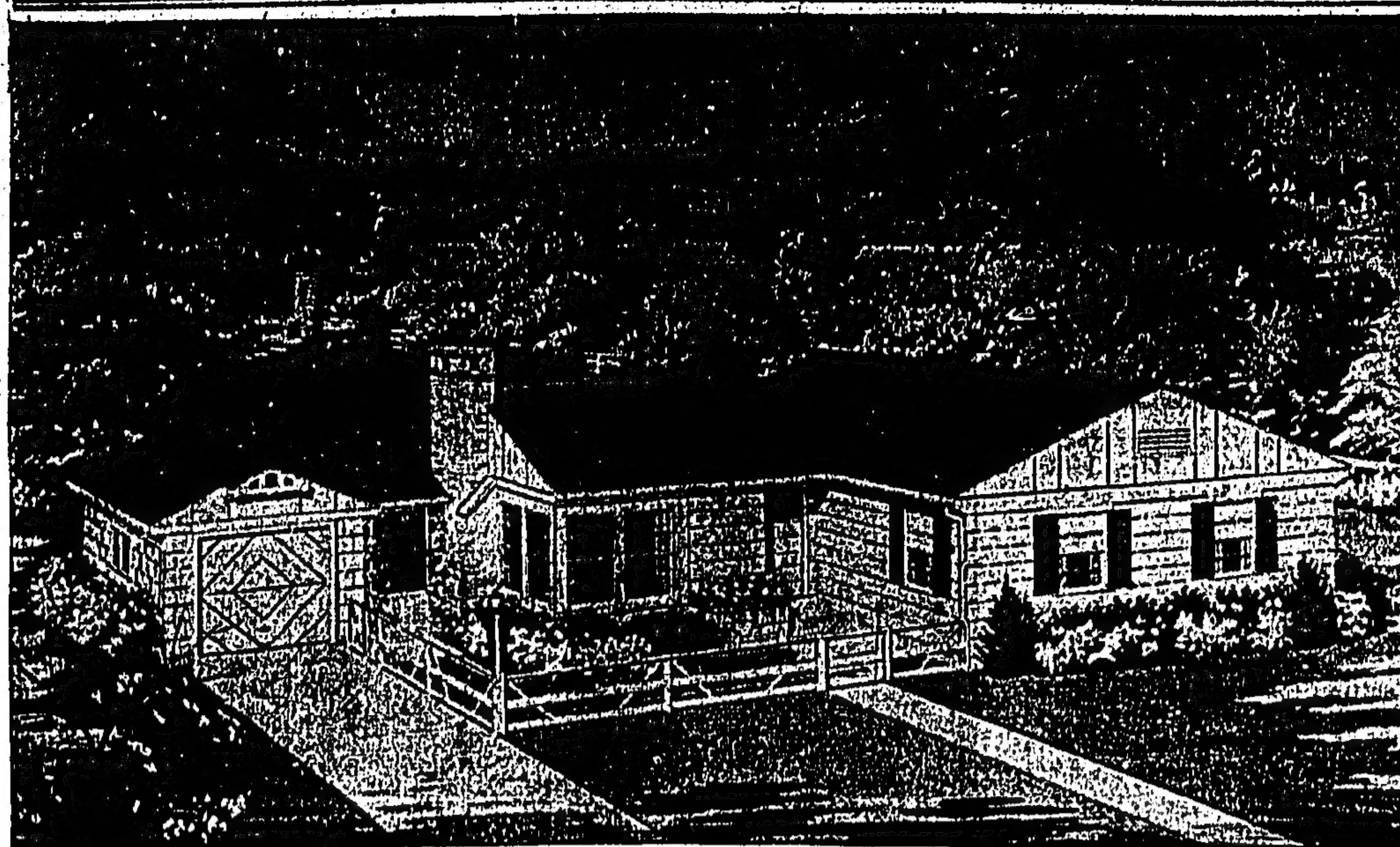
Wipe away the cream, moisten a piece of gauze with an astringent, hold it in place with a chin strap, let it remain on over night. This treatment, once a week, will act as an insurance against the formation of a wattle-like defect.

Keep your head on the level. To let the chin droop is to weaken the fibres of the neck and the soft tissues of the chin. A good exercise, too, keeping chin and neck in prime condition is this: clasp the hands at the back of the neck. Turn the head from side to side, keeping the entwined fingers firmly in place.



## PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

## ★ LOTS OF WINDOWS ★



Large corner windows and many other single ones bring a luxurious amount of light and sunshine into this spreading type house. On a narrower lot than the one indicated above, the breezeway and garage could be built at the rear.

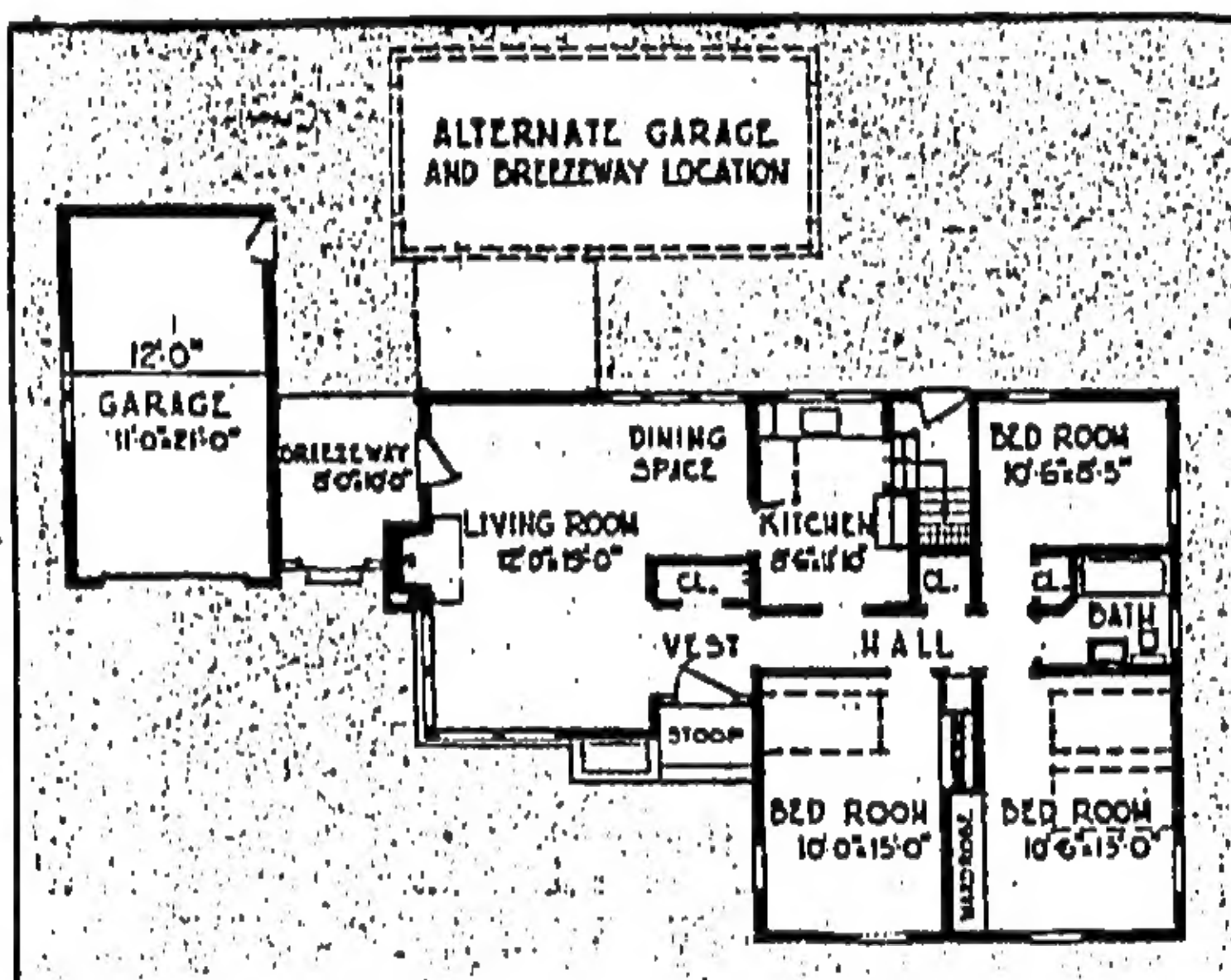
By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

NEXT to lots of closets, a woman wants lots of windows in her home. Without plenty of light, air and sunshine in the place where she spends at least half, if not three-quarters, of her life, a wife and mother is apt to find that both her physical health and her spirits begin to feel a definite let-down after a while.

Conversely, when a house is light and airy; when there are always rooms that are flooded with sunshine; and when, no matter in what part of the house one may be hard at work, the eyes can always glimpse the wide outdoors through a window near at hand, there is never a feeling of being cramped and shut away from the rest of the world.

Both the house above and the house below come through with flying colours on the score of windows. The former has a beautiful corner window in the living room at the front, and wide window space at the back of the room where the dining space is located. Every bedroom is on a corner, with a window on each side, and there are two windows in the kitchen.

The second house provides a large picture window in the living room, and a bay for the dining room, which also has a window at the side. The first floor bedroom and the kitchen, both corner rooms, have two windows apiece. Upstairs, which can be left unfinished till needed, a big front bedroom has four windows, another possible bedroom one at the side, and four other windows brighten other parts of the floor.



The floor plan of the house shows the generous distribution of the windows throughout, while all bedrooms have airy corner locations.

## New Play-pen For Baby

A NEW kind of collapsible play-pen teaches babies how to walk and gives them plenty of exercise without tiring them.

It should please Dr. John Gibbens, medical officer to the Chelsea Babies' Club who recently attended the English habit of "pramming" babies long after they can walk on their own feet.

"As a result of being prammed all day long, with no chance of exercise," says Dr. Gibbens, they stick on rolls of fat or have a breakdown of their digestive systems."

The collapsible walking play-pen comes from the Continent, where it is already widely used. It consists of a light metal frame on wheels, with a small canvas seat swung inside it in which the baby can either sit when tired or steady himself when walking.

The seat is also used as a separate carrying chair or as a swing.

It takes to pieces in five minutes and fits into a small bag. First models are already available.

Another piece of interesting baby equipment is specially designed for the small-flat family, with no storage place for prams.

It is a carry-cot in washable material which fits into a stand on wheels, forming a practical pram. Indoors, the cot lifts off the stand, which folds up flat and can be stored in a cupboard.

REALISING the dangers presented by cracked china, which may harbour germs, a catering firm is eliminating chipped crockery and substituting Permapex dishes which are easily cleaned, do not chip and are made in gay and attractive colours.

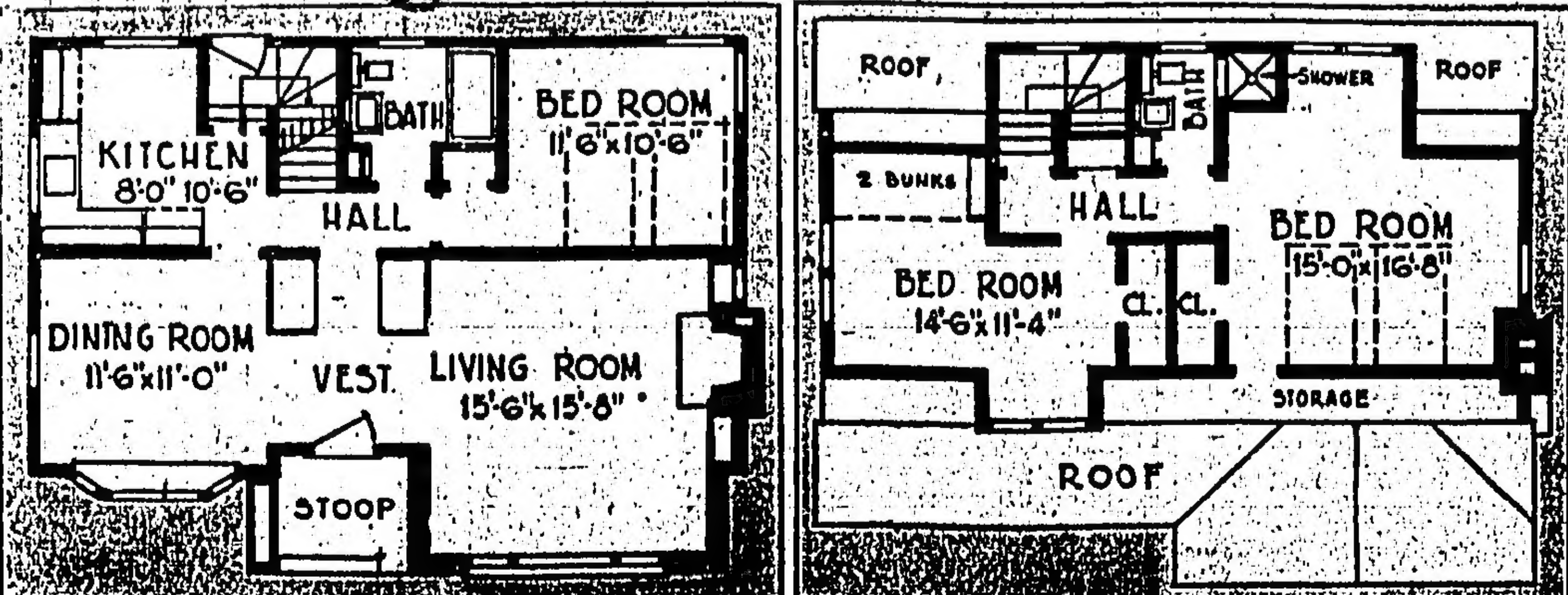
Another good innovation is a fine mesh muslin turban to cover the hair, important both for hygienic and aesthetic reasons.

A number one rule is care of the hands. Disinfectants are unnecessary as hand washing with soap, a brush and hot water—used by surgeons before operating—destroys all germs on the hands.

By Eileen Ascroft



Another many-windowed house is this. Cheerful breakfasting is guaranteed by the charming bay window that brings the morning sunshine into the dining room, while the picture window in the living room offers a wide outdoor vista.



The completeness of the first floor of this house makes it possible for the second floor to be left unfinished until extra space is required. Finishing off upstairs provides two more bedrooms, one of them simply spacious for twin beds, the other well suited for a children's room.

By  
Alice  
Denhoff

## Some Chopped Meat Recipes

CHOPPING turns the less expensive meat cuts into mouth-melting morsels, for it divides the connective tissues in the meat; chopping brings out the hidden flavour, adds variety to menus. Hamburgers or meat loaves can be just ordinary eating or they can be prepared with imagination, varied in countless ways, and become family food favourites.

Chili Con Carne Casserole is such a dish, thrifty, too, for 1½ lb. meat serves 6 generously.

Melt 2 tbsp. bacon fat in heavy frying pan. Add one chopped onion and one peeled garlic clove; cook 3 min. Add 2 c. cooked kidney beans, 1½ lb. hamburger, tsp. salt, pepper to suit, ½ tsp. chili powder and 2½ c. cooked tomatoes; mix well. Put in greased 1½-quart casserole, sprinkle with ½ c. grated cheese; bake at 375 F. 15-20 min.



Swedish meat balls delight many patrons of Swedish restaurants. Here is the recipe from one of the very finest of these restaurants. To make 18-18 small balls, soak 2 c. soft bread crumbs in ¾ c. milk for 10 min. Sauté 2 tbsp. minced onion in half of ¼ c. table fat until lightly browned. Add to 1 lb. chopped beef with ¾ tsp. nutmeg, 1½ tsp. salt, one slightly beaten egg. Add soaked bread crumbs; put mixture through meat grinder. Form in small balls and sauté in frying pan in remaining table fat until light brown on all sides. Sprinkle with 2 tbsp. flour, coating each ball well. Cover and cook 5 min. Add ¼ c. rich top milk or light cream; cover, cook 3 min. longer.

When a hearty supper dish is in order, serve Catsup Supper Roll. Soak ½ c. bran in ¾ c. buttermilk. Sift 1½ c. flour, 1 tsp. baking powder. Cut in ½ c. shortening until mixture is like coarse corn meal. Add soaked bran; stir until dough follows fork around bowl. Turn onto floured board; knead lightly; roll or pat into rectangle, 1-inch thick. Combine 3 c. cooked ground meat, ¼ c. catsup and 1 tsp. salt; spread mixture on dough. Roll like jelly roll; bake at 425 F. 25-40 min.

"Veal Birds" or mock drumsticks is a favourite dish

and there are of course many recipes. Here's one that we like!

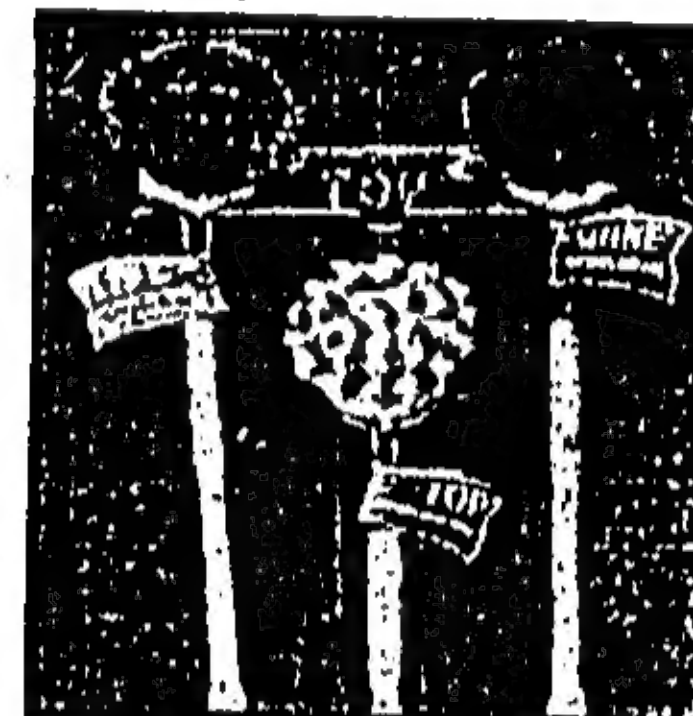
Soak one c. soft bread crumbs in bacon fat in heavy frying pan. Add 2 minced green peppers; cook 3 min. Add 1½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper ¼ tsp. celery salt, the onion and green pepper to one lb. chopped veal; blend well. Add soaked bread crumbs; mix thoroughly. Form into 4 or 6 drum sticks; roll in flour. Cook in 2 tbsp. bacon fat until light brown on all sides. Add ½ c. water; cover, simmer 30 min. Insert 4-inch stick uncooked macaroni into each drum stick. Garnish with strips of broiled bacon.



It seems lean pork is a rich natural source of vitamin B. (thiamine) and this meat, and fresh or smoked ham in the amount of meat equivalent to about what one pork chop yields is sufficient to supply the entire daily requirement of vitamin B. for the normal adult.

Here's a dish that the men will enjoy at any time of the year. Have pork chops cut double thickness with a pocket cut into each chop. Fill pockets with corn stuffing (with one c. corn pulp, combine ½ c. dry bread crumbs, tsp. salt, 2 tbsp. minced green pepper, salt and pepper to taste). Brown chops on both sides, then cover, and finish cooking in 350 F. oven about an hour.

## This Week's Gadget



Here are three little brushes, complete in their own hanging bracket. Soft fibre for glassware, sterner fibre for stubbornly stuck food, and copper for scouring and burnishing aluminium without scratching. (London Express Service)

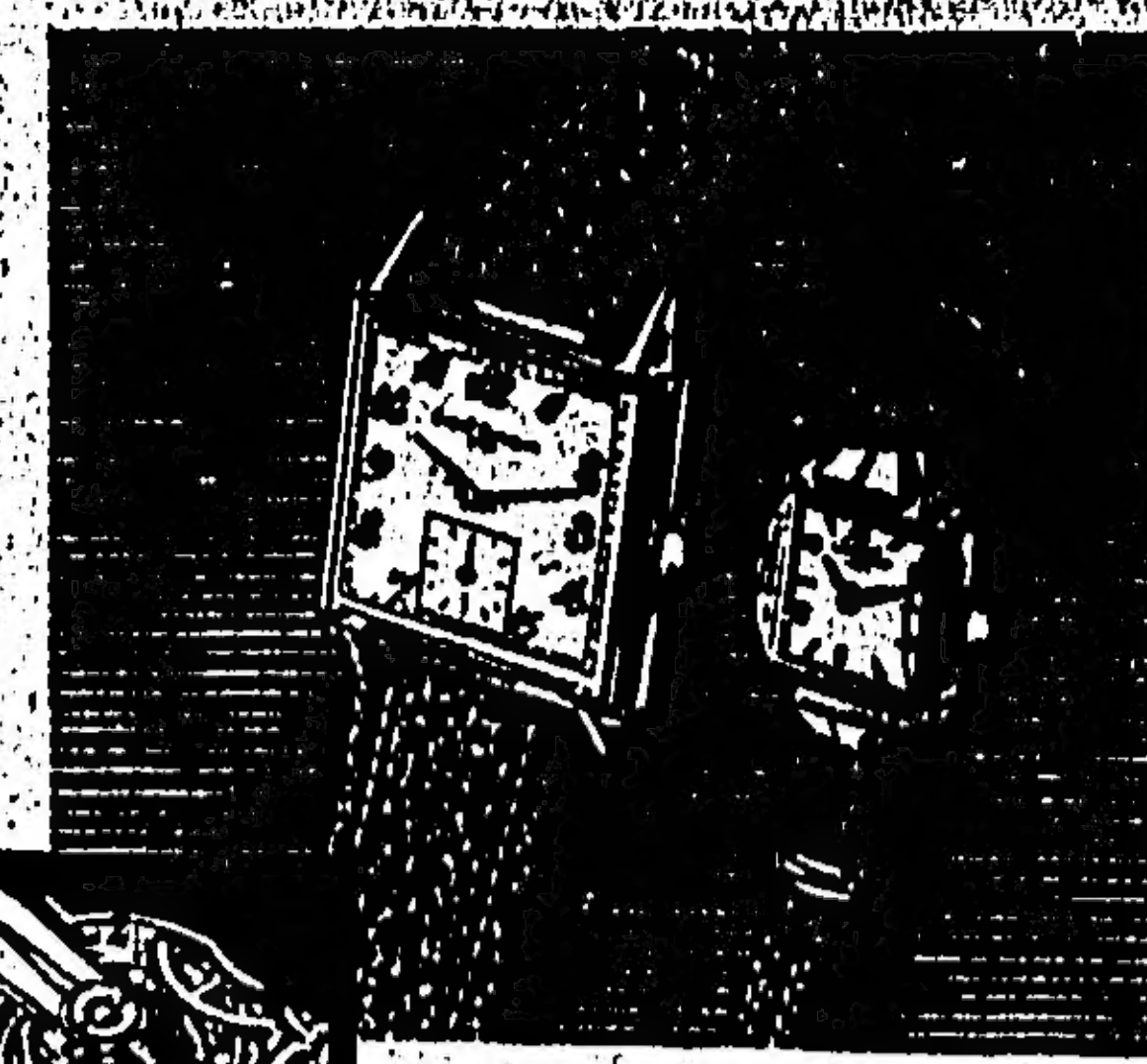
## Women Take Things Easier

Despite what the little woman says, men don't conserve their energy as much as women do.

Dr Howard B. Sprague, heart specialist from the Harvard University medical school, told the Cleveland Heart Society the girls know how to take things easy better than the men.

Sprague also said the skinny men stand better chances of escaping heart attacks than their plump brothers, and that the less muscular male is likely to outlive the well-padded life-guard. It takes less work, Dr Sprague said, to pump blood to a skinny or non-muscular person than it does to handle supplies for a larger body, whether it be large from fat or muscle.—United Press.

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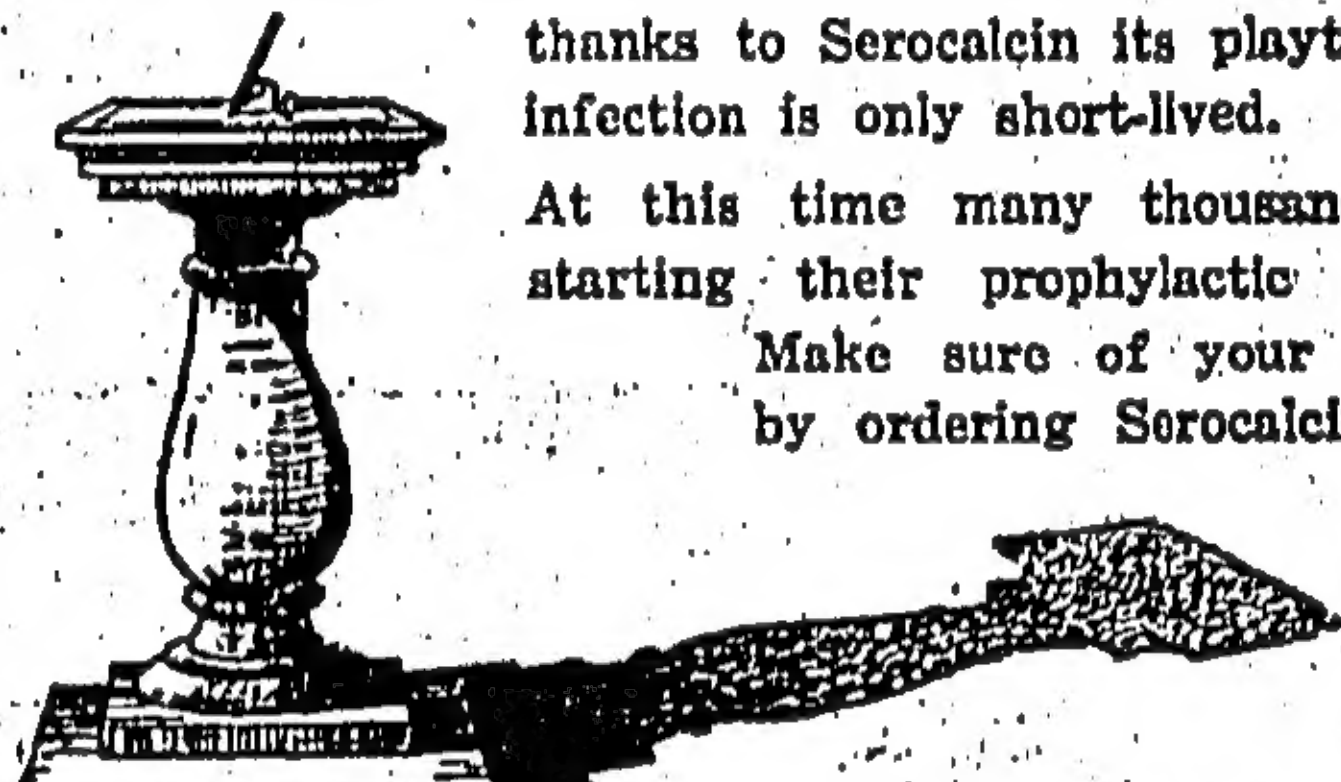
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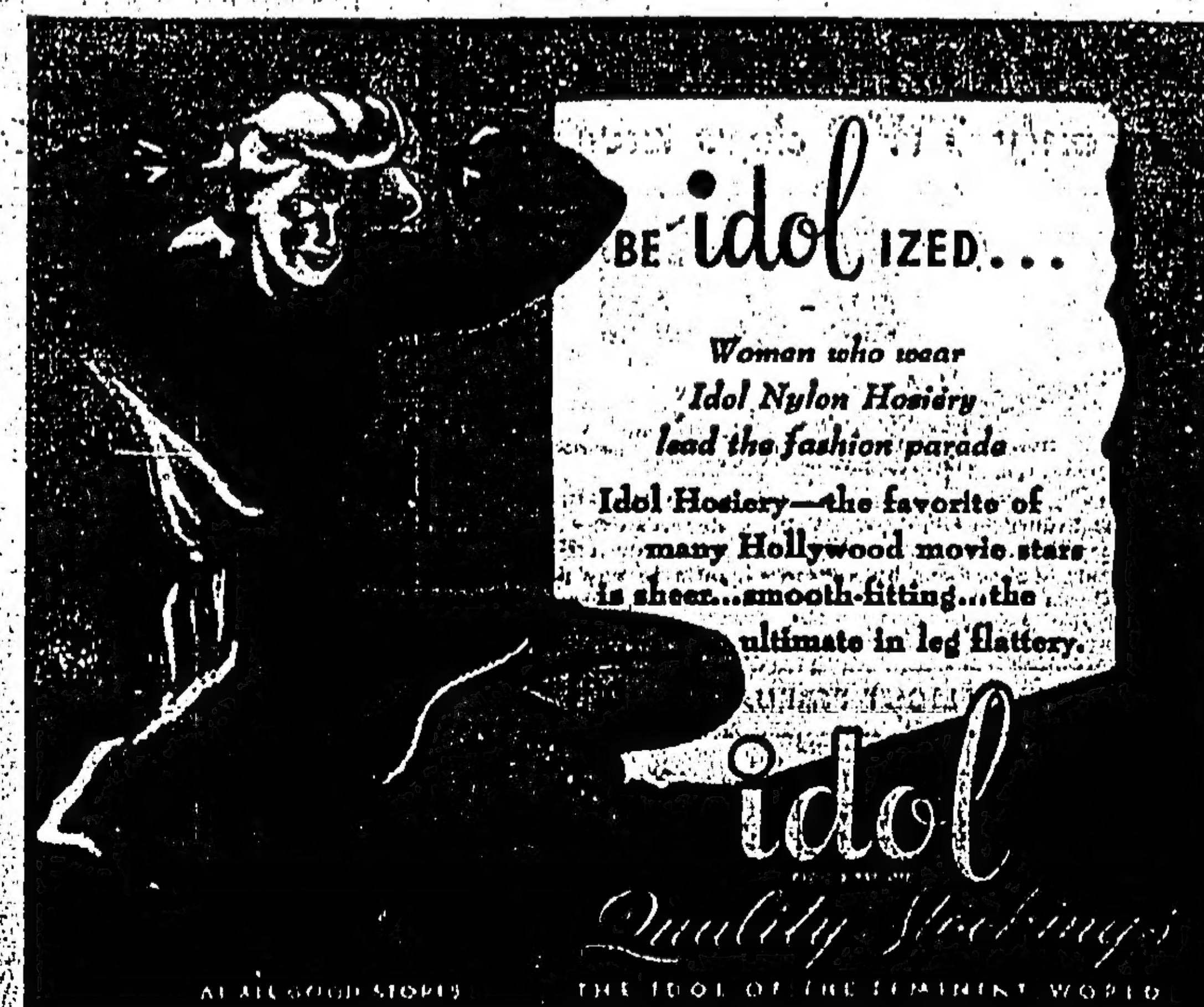
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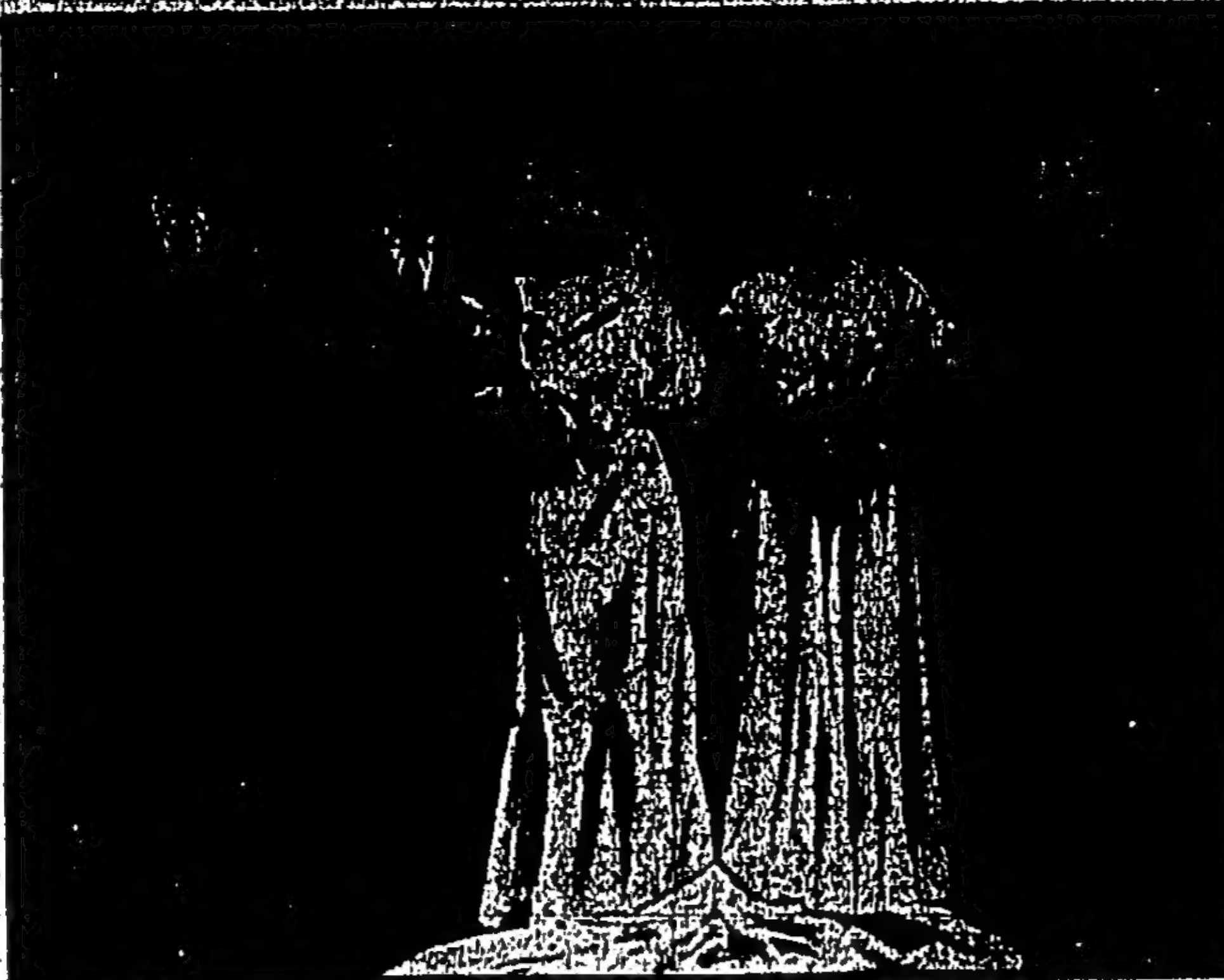


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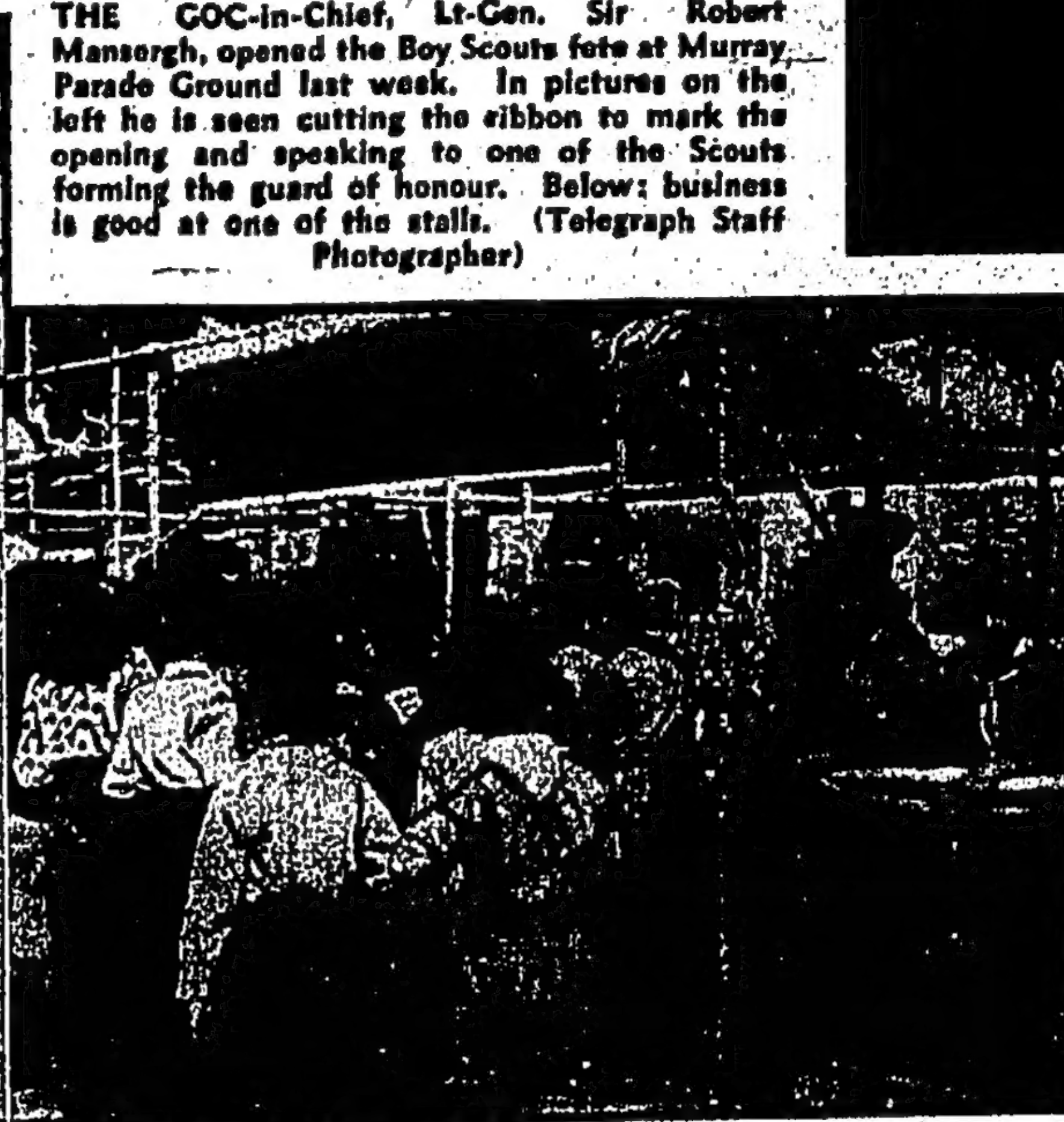
AT the Australia Day cocktail party: HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, proposes the principal toast, flanked by the Australian Trade Commissioner, Mr Hugh Wrigley, Assistant Trade Commissioner Harry Rankine and Mrs Rankine. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



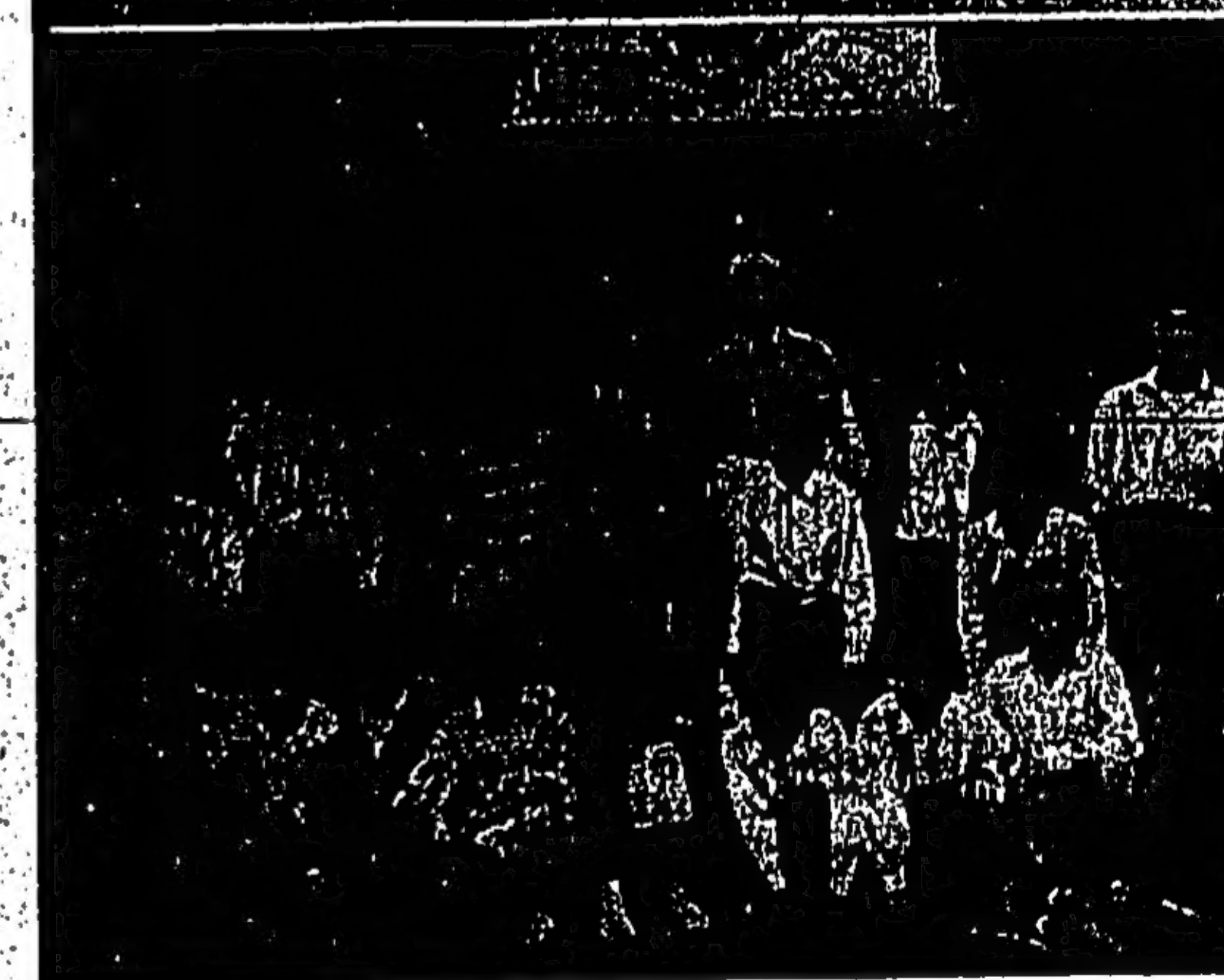
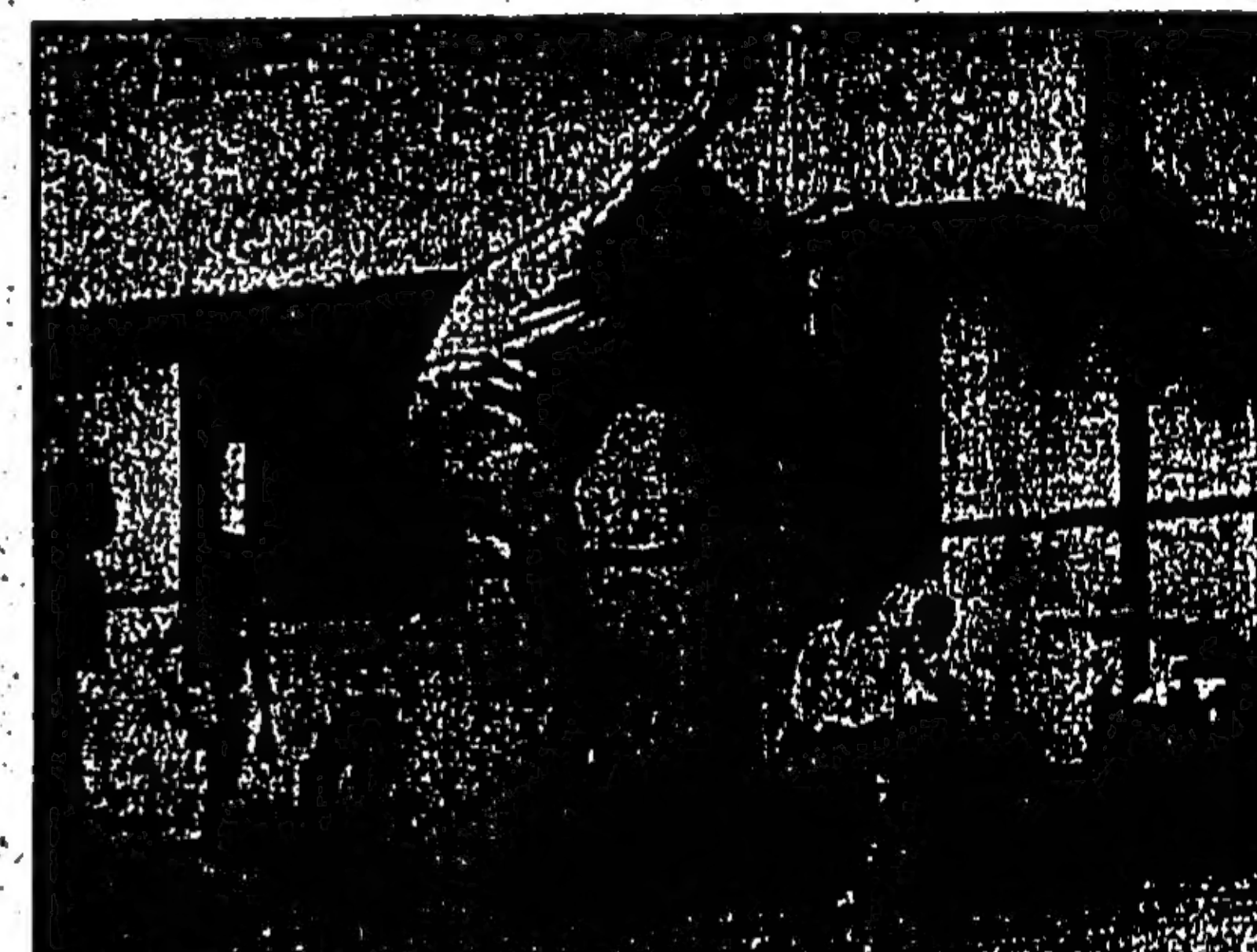
ALL smiles, Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Richards Jr pose for photographers after their wedding at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. The bride, formerly Miss Binnie Kosmach, came from the United States by air last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE annual dinner dance of the Hongkong University Alumni Association was held at the Hongkong Hotel last week. Here are two pictures taken on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE GOC-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh, opened the Boy Scouts fete at Murray Parade Ground last week. In pictures on the left he is seen cutting the ribbon to mark the opening and speaking to one of the Scouts forming the guard of honour. Below: business is good at one of the stalls. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



AT the annual sports of St Stephen's Preparatory School at Stanley last Saturday. Upper picture shows a game youngster clearing the high jump. Lower picture is of the winning "Tiger" team. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: After their marriage at the Registry last Saturday, Mr and Mrs Cameron de Saille Robertson pose with friends. The bride was Miss Adeline Rose Bitters. (Moe Cheung)

AFTER over 37 years' service in the Hongkong Government Medical Service, Dr G. H. Thomas (third from left) has retired. This picture was taken at the Queen Mary Hospital last week when a presentation was made to him. The Director of Medical Services, Dr I. Newton (speaking), paid a glowing tribute to Dr Thomas' work and personal qualities. (Ming Yuen)

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THE Hon. Lester Pearson, External Minister of Canada, who passed through Hong Kong last week on his way home from the Commonwealth Conference, poses with an official who was at the Governor's Military Reception. (Ming Yuen)



MR C. P. Tang and his bride, the former Miss Keith, who were married at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday last. (Ming Yuen)

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# ADRIET FOR 26 DAYS The last chapter

## Castaways on an isle of savages

*Girl drags me from death in swamp: Jungle men feed us: Unknown fate of Doris Lim, the brave Chinese*

The story of the drifting lifeboat moves to its climax. Twenty-six days after the steamer *Rooseboom* was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean on March 1, 1942, land is sighted.

Of 135 people in or clinging to the boat when the ship was sunk only five remain—WALTER GIBSON, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the author of this story; Doris Lim, a Chinese girl who had worked for British Intelligence in China, and three Javanese.

The rest, British soldiers, police, Dutch, Javanese—and three women—perished on the voyage. Almost lifeless from the tortures of sun and thirst, the five survivors drift towards an unknown shore.

We were in tears, all five of us, even the Javanese, as the noise of the surf grew louder and louder, and the shadow of the land larger and larger. There was a jerk and a grating sound as the boat grounded. Then she swung round broadside, and the waves tilted her over.

We scrambled out, and fell into the surf.

I grabbed the girl's hand, and together we crawled,

Two blades of grass, where one grew...

BRITISH botanists have produced new strains of grass which grow twice as many leaves as existing varieties.

Farmers say this will cause an increase of beef, mutton, and milk production when enough seed is available.

At present Britain imports three-quarters of her grass seed from Holland, Denmark, and other Scandinavian countries, because home supplies are short, and it is cheaper.

The Ministry of Agriculture is soon to introduce a control which everybody wants—a qualitative restriction on foreign imports of grass seed.

### A triumph

Striking results were obtained when the new grass was grown as a test at Market Harborough, where there is some of the best bullock-grazing land in the world.

Farmers say that on poorer ground the difference is "enormous."

The new strains are a triumph for the botanists at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station, Aberystwyth, where Mr. Gwilym Evans, officer-in-charge of seed production, said:

"Our seeds will revolutionise grassland-farming. For 300 years—since grass seed was first brought over from Holland in 1648—Britain has been importing nearly all its grass seed."

### New strains

"Then, about the time of the first world war, Professor, now Sir George, Stapledon and Professor T. J. Jenkin carried out a survey of grassland in Wales. Afterwards they visited all sorts of odd places studying types of pastures for mother plants."

With five original grass plants, they married hundreds of different grasses to get the new strains.

They failed to find a grass which lasted longer and grew more blades until they married with Pembroke and Wiltshire grasses.

It is from these marriages that many of the new strains have emanated.

staggered, fell, towards the beach.

We could not speak, but we made breathless, articulate grunting noises as we urged each other on.

Uppermost in her mind, as in mine, she told me afterwards, was the prayer "Don't let us drown now, so close to safety."

The Javanese did not see from the moment the boat grounded. Afterwards we found that one of the three was drowned in the surf.

On hands and knees Doris Lim and I crawled the last few yards to dry land. Together we lay there, gasping and exhausted.

I tried to stand up, but the white place seemed to be swaying about with the same motion as the boat.

We mumbled unintelligible words to each other. Hysterically we mouthed thanks for our deliverance. We kept trying to rise to our feet and collapsing again by the edge of the water. At last we managed to crawl to a safe distance from the water, and fell, clasped in each other's arms, into an exhausted sleep.

### OFF SUMATRA 1,000-mile drift

THE island on which we had landed was Sipora, one of the Mentawai group, which runs down a line 60 miles west of the coast of Sumatra. We had drifted over a thousand miles, and we had been just a month in the boat.

The girl woke me. All round us, the beach was lit by glowing lights which advanced and receded every few minutes. The air was filled with an incessant rustling noise.

As we lay still, the lights came nearer, and the noise increased.

It was an uncanny sensation.

Then, as the light of dawn spread over the beach, we saw the explanation.

We were surrounded by huge crabs, hundreds of them, the size of dinner plates. The beach was covered with them. The glowing lights came from their eyes, the rustling noise was caused by their movement. Above the beach lay a mangrove swamp. Beyond that the jungle. We crawled to the swamp. We were so weak now that we could not even get to our hands and knees, but we pulled ourselves along on our bellies, dragging ourselves forward by roots and bushes.

### IN THE SWAMP Escape by inches

WE lay in the swamp as the sun rose. The depression our bodies made in the mud quickly filled with black oily-looking water, which we lapped down in huge gulps.

It was the first brine-free water, in quantity, we had tasted since the *Rooseboom* was sunk.

A great peace, a peace of utter exhaustion, fell on us, and I think we might have lain there and died had we not been spurred to further movement first by leeches from the swamp, and then by the flies, twice as large as British house flies, which arrived to attack us.

They drove us back to the beach.

Before we made the move I should certainly have died, but for Doris Lim.

I had fallen asleep again, and woke to find myself immersed in the swamp, with only my head above the mud. The girl was supporting my shoulders.

and urging me frantically to shake myself free.

Oddly, from the time we reached land, it was she who seemed to take the initiative—she who, from the first day to the last day in the boat, had been completely passive.

Back on the beach, we looked out to where the lifeboat lay grounded on the coral.

It must have been about mid-day that we saw, a hundred yards or so out to sea, a figure in a sampan.

We watched as the sampan moved past the lifeboat—which signified to me that over there must lie a creek of some kind.

We started to crawl towards it. It cannot have been more than 1,000 to 1,500 yards away, but it took us the whole of the afternoon and far into the night to cover the distance.

We would advance a yard or two and then stop exhausted.

### TATTOOED MEN We hear the drums

At last, in the moonlight, there before us were a sandbank and a wide stream. The beach sloped down to the water, and together we slithered down the decline.

We lay and gulped water. It was fresh. It seemed as if we would never stop drinking. Then we scrambled from the creek and fell asleep, huddled together behind a tree trunk on the beach.

We woke to find ourselves surrounded by a group of islanders.

They were fearless enough figures. All were naked except for a G-string, all were tattooed in blue from the navel to the lower lip.

They had no eyelashes and no eyebrows, and their teeth were filed to a point. They carried spears and bows and macehutes.

They were Mantowees, a Polynesian tribe.

It sounds amusing enough now, but it was deadly serious then, as thoughts flashed through my mind of Robinson Crusoe and cannibalism and cartoons of native stew-pots.

We pointed to our stomachs and to our mouths, but they just ignored us, and chattered among themselves, obviously discussing what they could do about us.

Then they turned and walked away from us, up the creek towards the jungle. We could hear the thump of their drums, and the sky was lit by their fire.

About an hour or two later a canoe appeared in the creek, paddled by two boys about twelve or thirteen years old. They leaped ashore and came running towards us. Again we pointed to our mouths and stomachs.



Walter Gibson today with his wife Mary and daughter Ray.

They chattered, and grinned understanding. One of them brought to a coconut tree and from two green coconuts which they opened with their macehutes.

They watched us as we drank the juice and ate the pulp. Then they fetched others, cut them open, and laid them beside us, and returned to their canoe.

### WITH FRIENDS Stay six months.

NEXT morning there arrived another canoe with two men in it. They picked us up, placed us in their boat, and paddled off.

We must have travelled along the coast of the island for three or four hours before they turned into a Malay village which was close by.

This island was used by the Dutch as a penal settlement—as the Andaman Islands were used by India. The Malays were transients, who had formed a settlement close to the shore.

That evening two Malays carried us, wrapped in sarongs, to their huts.

There, on a verandah, skeleton-like but alive, lay the two Javanese from the boat. They stared stonily at us, giving no greeting or sign of recognition.

We ate ravenously of the fish and rice the Malays brought as our first meal. We were to stay in their village until the Japanese arrived and carted us off to prison camp. But the one memory of the island which stands out above all others will always be the day, just after we landed, when the Malays brought me a mirror.

### WE LOOKED Face of a fakir

I had grown used to the sight of the Chinese girl, her once-pretty features now the face of an old woman, framed in hair which was long and matted—her dark, expressive eyes dull with suffering. They brought me the mirror, and I looked into it. A wild, black, high-cheekboned face, the face of an Indian fakir, the hair and beard long and matted, gauged back at me.

It was perched on a body completely without flesh, the skin stretched black and burned completely gone, so that all I could see was the framework of the pelvis.

It was for all the world like looking at a charred piece of furniture, some twisted frame salvaged from a fire.

### EPILOGUE

Our story is over; but here, for the record, is what happened to Walter Gibson and Doris Lim.

AFTER a fortnight in the Malay settlement Gibson and Doris Lim were taken to a larger village on the island, where they found a medical post established by a German missionary.

Gibson received treatment for his wounds, but developed ber-beri disease from the island diet of unpolished rice.

While ill he wrote a letter addressed to the commander of whatever relieving force might some day arrive on the island, telling briefly of the incidents in the boat and listing all the names with which he was familiar.

Once he asked Doris Lim what she would do if the Japs arrived.

"I?" she answered. "I will be killed. You will be all right. You will be a prisoner of war."

### JAPS COME Taken to cells

SIX weeks later a Japanese patrol landed on the island, and on May 18, just 79 days after embarking from the same port in the *Rooseboom*, Gibson and the girl were taken back to Padang (Sumatra).

They were interrogated that night by the Japanese, who suggested that they were agents put on the island by the British. At the conclusion of the questioning Gibson was taken to one cell, Doris Lim to another. He never saw her again.

After two years in a prisoner-of-war camp at Medan in Northern Sumatra Gibson was being transferred with 700 other prisoners when their ship was torpedoed in the Straits of Malacca.

This time he spent four hours clinging to wreckage before being picked up by a Japanese tanker.

His last year as a prisoner was spent in a camp at Singapore from which he was liberated in September 1945.

He left the Army in 1940 after 17 years' service and is now a housing supervisor with Paley (Renfrewshire) Corporation.

(London Express Service)

## America On The Election

By Frederick Cook

NEW YORK.

SINCE the date of the British election was announced, most of America's newspapers have been trying manfully to remember that "this is a private fight—we must keep out." And so far they have been unusually successful.

Few leader writers have commented at all, though there have been many columns of Page One reports of election developments.

In New York, biggest coverage so far has been given by the New York Times, with a large battery of reporters stationed in England.

The Times's Tania Long called that the housewife vote might prove decisive and that the election would be fought primarily over domestic issues like food, housing, socialised medicine, employment.

### Liberals' chance?

In the same paper, Benjamin Welles had a one-column report on the Liberals' hope of a comeback. He pointed out: "Despite its pre-election individualism, the Liberal Party is closer to the Labour concept of the welfare State than to the Conservative concept of free enterprise."

Raymond Daniell, also of the Times, said, the election was going to be close and that even the Socialists did not expect any landslide.

The Times's commentator, Anne O'Hare McCormick, in a full column of thoughtful analysis, reminded her readers that the welfare State was not an issue at all. Conservatives on both sides of the Atlantic, she said, lost the first round when they twisted "this popular concept" into a term of reproach. Everybody was for welfare.

Argument in England was only over which system offered the more of it, free enterprise or socialism.

Mrs McCormick saw only two big issues in the campaign—nationalisation and the British individual's reaction to controls, austerity and the drab routine of daily life.

### 'Women will decide'

Papers throughout the country reported the Socialist manifesto at some length and all reported Churchill's return home and his pledge of "an Empire come-back."

The Scripps-Howard columnist, Ludwell Denny, in a dispatch published in 19 daily papers throughout the country, predicted that women will decide the result.

Next in importance to their vote he placed Liberals, showing then the Socialists' success in getting the union vote. Denny, too, maintained that the welfare state was not an issue.

In a United Press dispatch printed by scores of papers, Homer Jenks commented: Britain has had five years of Socialism and will never be the same again.

The New York Times's only leader on the election urged the Americans to brace themselves against the next few weeks, saying: "We must expect some harsh comments to be thrown our way by left-wingers and by imperialists in the Conservative ranks." But, said the Times, the outcome would not make any real difference to Anglo-American relations.

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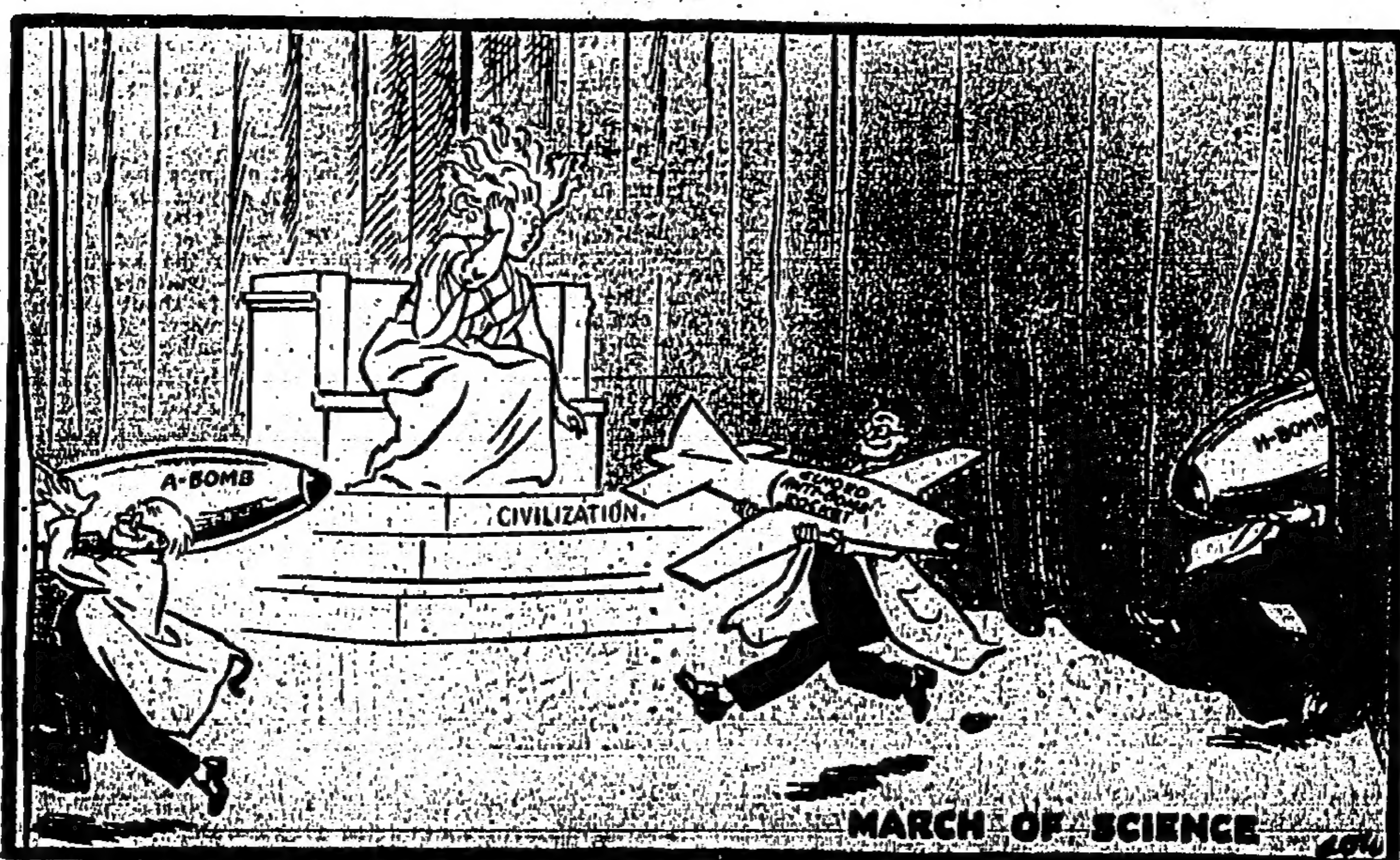
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Week-end Softball

# FINAL GAMES TOMORROW IN SENIOR LOOP QUALIFYING ROUND

BY "STARDUST"

Tomorrow marks the official termination of the Senior Loop qualifying round and, with the exception of several postponed fixtures, most teams will complete their schedule. At this crucial stage of the pennant campaign, the race for a play-off berth is still wide open with as many as five clubs crowding the rail in the desperate sprint to the wire.

St. Joseph's, the Jaguars, and Frank Cienry's Americans are assured of play-off berths or a chance to tie for a play-off spot, but, the Championship aspirations of the other contenders will hinge on the outcome of tomorrow's big games.

Two decisive tussles are slated for decision tomorrow. At noon, the USS "Salisbury Sound" take on the Madcaps in a replay of their regulation drawn game which was halted in the eighth stanza with the score deadlocked at 4-all. A win for either side would see them in the play-offs.

Directly following this needed encounter, the Braves, who are cracking up in the heat of the torrid pennant race, will make their do-or-die stand against Bill Woo's Canadians. A win for the Braves would put them in the play-offs while a Canuck victory would only spoil what ever chances the Tribe have of reaching the final four.

### PLAY-OFF SPOT

In brief, the victor in the Navy-Madcap tussle can be assured of a play-off spot while the Braves must beat the Maple Leafs to reach the final quartet. Should the Navy and Braves both win, they would have to play off with the Americans and possibly the Jaguars for either second, third, and fourth, or third and fourth places, depending on how the Jaguars shape up against St. Joseph's in their postponed tussle. In any case, one can write off the Canadians and St. Teresa as play-off contenders.

Here are the current loop standings:

	Won	Lost	Per cent
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Jaguars	9	3	.750
U.S. Navy	9	4	.692
Braves	9	4	.692
Americans	9	4	.692
Madcaps	7	4	.636
Canadians	8	5	.615
St. Teresa	8	5	.615

The stage is set for a battle royal when the "Salisbury Sound" take on the Madcaps at noon tomorrow at the CBA. The "Salisbury Sound" with "Pancho" Avalos and Rocky O'Toole forming a super battery combination, should whip the Madcaps.

The Navy squad played heads up ball last week and lost a heart-breaking 1-0 decision to the loop-pacing Joys. Against the Madcaps they can expect an easier tussle for the Madcap fielding can hardly stack up to that of the Navy and Joys.

Also, Avalos is hard to beat when he's hot. Madcap hurler Kelly Silva-Netto is unreliable and is occasionally hawky wild in his deliveries to the plate. Kelly will have to be in top form to hold the slugging Navy batters in check.

Much will also depend on the Madcap outfield as the Gobs hit long balls. Last week the Joys played deep for them and took in every fly that was smacked out to green pastures. Rennie Sequelra is dependable in left field and is about the best left fielder in the Senior League but outfield mates Sid Hollands and George Saunders are inclined to slowness of foot in getting started after a hard hit fly.

Mentor Buster Hollands of the Madcaps, who has not been in action very often this season, should play tomorrow as his

### CHIPS ARE DOWN

The chips are down in tomorrow's game. The Madcaps start out as the underdogs but, as has often been proved before, the team that stands up best in the pressure in the closing innings usually emerges victorious in a crucial ball game.

Mentor Charlie "Ole Boss" Figueroa of the Braves must have been a disconsolate man when his Braves went down to a bitter 7-0 setback to the Americans last week. Figueroa gambled on "nothing" hurler Edo Almeida and Almeida was blasted from the mound in the third canto in a flurry of Yankee base hits. Gerry Gosano did a brilliant job of cooling off the blazing Yankee bats but the damage was done.

Still, in the final inning, when fleet-footed Tony "Red" Osmund was on third base with the tying run and two had expired, Figueroa failed to give the "steal" sign.

With bunt specialist Carlos Remedios in the batter's box, the logical play would be for speedy Osmund to steal home. It's doubtful, however, he would have beaten catcher Bob Murphy to the tag. Still, the ball game is over and the Braves were the fall guys.

Against the tough Canuck batting side, Charlie should start Gerry Gosano on the mound with Bill Yanovich doing the catching. Gosano can be relied on to stop the Canucks provided he receives adequate fielding and batting support from his team mates.

First sacker Carlos Yanovich has been playing off the beam in recent games, displaying a tendency to fight the ball rather than field it cleanly. It must be remembered that every Canuck runner on base is a potential run. Bear that in mind, Braves. Ball hawk Gussie Pereira will be missing from the line-up in tomorrow's needle game as he will be engaged in Senior Shield soccer for St. Joseph's who are playing a semi-final encounter with the Kowloon Motor Bus.

The Braves outfield should be Carlos Remedios in left, Spikes Gutierrez in centre, and Mickey Remedios in right, capitalise on the strongest batting trio.

### BEST TEAM READY

Manager Bill Woo of the Canucks will have the best team ready for battle notwithstanding the slim chances of his men qualifying for the play-offs. The Maple Leafs are currently playing right on top of form and are great batters when the chips are down. Experience will be a vital factor in tomorrow's game and

this quality the Canucks have in abundance. Cagy battery Kassa Nazarin and Herbie Quon have lots of pitching savvy and know-how. The Canucks have several clutch hitters in the lineup including Junior Markar, Sherry Markson Robbins, and Barney Abbas. Great reliance will be placed on these batters when there are runs in scoring position.

Tomorrow's tussle will be pitched on pitching and managerial ability. The Braves management must be on their toes to win this crucial ball game. Whether they can come through will depend on the fighting spirit of their boys. Above all, the Braves should not allow their tempers to affect their play.

The Americans and St. Teresa will face tail-end teams tomorrow. The Yanks should run up a mammoth score against the Cardinals while St. Teresa's game will be extended by "Doc" Molten's Baseballers who scored their first win of the season last Sunday.

The Jaguars will meet the unpredictable Paks who are quite capable of causing an upset when they are inclined to play ball. However, on current form, the Jaguars should bring home the bacon. The Overseas will play Dick Chung's Chung Hwa outfit in the all-Chinese derby.

### JUNIOR LOOP RACE

The Junior Loop pennant race features a crucial game this afternoon when the loop-leading Rexes play the Jaguars, now in third place. The Rexes, after their surprising setback to the Griffins last week, must win this tilt to hold on to their slim game lead over the Blackhawks. A defeat for them would tie up the flag race.

The Jolting Jaguars stopped an 8-game Rexes winning streak earlier in the season by drubbing the Indians 13-1. Both teams will be at full strength for this game with the odds in favour of the better hitting Jaguars.

Other Junior Loop games this afternoon find the Spartans pitted against the Overseas, the Delawares up against the Braves, and the Blackhawks engaging the Griffins. Tomorrow, the Pandas play the Aces.

The only ladies' tilt slated for tomorrow is the clash between the leading St. Teresa belles and Mike Lee's enthusiastic St. Joseph's. The loop leaders should have no difficulty in turning back their foes. Mentor Rocky Rosario ushered in a new pitching find last week in Sheila Silva, who usually plays first base. Sheila dished up steady hurling to stop the White Fangs 9-6, giving her team the lead in the flag race.

### SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



### WEEK-END FOOTBALL

## Shield Semi-Finals This Week-end

BY "UNOMI"

The Challenge Shield semi-finals, both Senior and Junior, are the highlights of this week-end's football card. The class of soccer played in this Cup-tie games is so different from the ordinary league match, every team putting that little bit extra fight into their play in order to win the trophy. Fans are guaranteed plenty of thrills and excitement no matter which game they decide to watch.

Kitchee meet Club at Club Ground this afternoon in the Senior Shield. On paper this game appears to be a one-sided affair. The League leaders, Kitchee, are a much stronger combination than the Club, but the cup-fighting spirit will be in evidence in the Club ranks and very often form is upset because of this "will to win" spirit.

Kitchee have had a much more difficult time in reaching the semi-final than their opponents:

Kitchee

1st Round v. SCAA	1-0
2nd Round v. Army	1-0
	2-0

Club

1st Round v. CAA	5-2
2nd Round v. Police	2-0
	7-2

Kitchee were extremely fortunate to survive the first round. The South China youngsters almost beat them. In the second round they had a narrow win, this time against Army at Soekunpoo. Kitchee played well that day and if the same form is displayed this afternoon they will win handsomely.

Club had to play extra time in their game with CAA before they finally managed to win 5-2. They did well in beating Police at Boundary Street in the last round. The Club side contains a few players who are on the slow side. They require a capable centre-half and centre-forward. The defence is not too strong, but overworked, the Kitchee forwards being a very clever bunch. I can't see Club defeating such a strong team as Kitchee.

At 2.30 p.m., Club v. Commandos. The latter team have been tipped to win the competition and they should have little difficulty in overcoming the Club Juniors.

Commandos play in a style similar to their senior side, i.e. fast, robust and first-time tackling.

They beat two very good junior sides in the opening rounds. Club will likely be without the services of McKenzie, their stalwart goalkeeper, who is at present nursing an arm injury he received against Navy last month.

Commandos

1st Round v. PCA	5-2
2nd Round v. RAF	6-2
	11-4

Club

1st Round v. Eastern	4-1
2nd Round v. Prisons	2-1
	6-2

The remaining Junior Shield tie will be played at Soekunpoo tomorrow, CAA v. Army. The Chinese side have not been doing very well in the league, but their Shield record is most impressive.

Army are one of the strongest teams in the 2nd Division and should prove themselves superior to their opponents. They displayed a lot of Kitchee-like spirit in a most convincing manner in the previous round.

How they reached the semi-final:

CAA

1st Round v. Talkoo	3-0
2nd Round v. Navy	3-0
	6-0

Army

1st Round v. Yard Police	5-0
2nd Round v. Kitchee	4-0
	9-0

### LEAGUE MATCH

Today there is one game in the First Division to be played, Kwong Wah v. Navy at Caroline Hill. If Navy can field the same team as beat St. Joseph's last week they should collect both points.

On Sunday two's League fixtures in the Senior Division are down for decision. RAF meet Police at Causeway Bay and CAA play Commandos at Boundary Street. The Airmen should manage to continue on their winning way at the expense of the "bobbies". Commandos are one of the most improved teams in the League as was shown by their recent win over Army.

With a defence which includes Lockyer and Hayes and a forward line led by Watson, I don't fancy CAA's chances of a win in this game.

Kitchee and Army, the two top teams in the First Division, kept a capacity crowd of spectators right on their toes for the full seventy minutes last week when they met in a League game. The result, 2-2, was a fitting one to this keenly contested match.

Tennuel, the Army pivot, turned in a display reminiscent of his game against the Swedish tourists.

Foot Chan Kam-hol, the Kitchee centre-forward, was held in a vice-like grip and could hardly move.

### LEAN TIME

Thanks to Tennuel he had a very lean time. The whole Army team was good.

Andrews, the outside-left, gave "Flash Harry" a very trying afternoon. His dribbling and fine crossing always had the Kitchee defenders guessing.

Kitchee's first goal was a beauty. It was a Hau Yung-sang special. The back received a pass from Lau Chung-sang fully forty yards from the opponents' goal and he sent in a shot which cannoned into the net much to the surprise of the Army goalkeeper who could only stand and watch it flash by him.

The League leaders, Kitchee, have now an equal number of points as Army and have three games in hand. A very strong position.

RAF defeated Eastern by 7-0 and are now well clear of the bottom of the League position.

The Eastern defence was woefully weak and cracked up under the slightest pressure by the RAF forwards.

The CAA v. Club match which ended in a 3-3 draw was a drab affair. Both teams participated in reckless kicking of the ball and showed little constructive positional sense.

### PATHETIC

The KMB v. Kwong Wah game was really pathetic to watch. The Busmen toyed with their opponents but were unable to score before half time.

When play was resumed they bombarded the Kwong Wah goal for long periods. The game was very one-sided. The score 3-0 in favour of KMB flatters the Kwong Wah team.

Navy turned in a good result by beating a strong St. Joseph's team by 1-0. Marine Deseray again proved his worth to the Sailors. He was all over the field.

St. Joseph's lacked a forward who could shoot. The defence was very good but the front line let them down badly. A draw would have been a fair result.

South China, with Ko Po-keung at pivot, had little difficulty in beating Police by 3-1. Speed was the deciding factor in this game. The Police defence couldn't cope with the fast youngsters from Caroline Hill.

The best performance last week was the defeat of News Vendors by Army in the Second Division. This is the Chinese team's first defeat in League games.

I watched two games last week and was struck by the amount of times the referee had to warn players for shouting on the field of play.

The game of football is not played with the tongue. Many players are unaware that it is an offence to shout when an opponent is nearby and about to go for the ball.

### JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN

## THE SILVER-HAIRED CARTER STROLLS THROUGH IT ALL

Two gentlemen catch the eye in this Hull City side that is breaking all records for the club and heading for promotion at the same time.

The names of the gentlemen will be your property in a few minutes if you will hear with an old gentleman. The first is white-haired and he is standing around doing apparently nothing.

Suddenly he interferes with a game in which he does not appear to be involved. His white locks flying in the breeze from the northeast, he chases a loose ball to the goal-line and places his foot upon it.

He looks round with a professorial air and whistles the ball across the goalmouth, saying it nearly hit the line with the foot. This being a tradition in football: always cross the ball to the far post, because there ought to be somebody there.

### HE WAS THERE

In this case, there was somebody there, a gentleman by the name of Greenhalgh, who first timed the ball into the Plymouth Argyle net.

The white-haired gentleman was player-manager Ralph Carter, who has inspired this Hull team of not-too-brilliant individuals into a scholarly combination which is lying under the top of the table and ready to take any place that Horatio Carter decides is good for them.

Now a lot has been written about Carter, and there have even been people who have demanded his return to the England side.

This is ridiculous. Ralph—honoured times—has moved away beyond England caps. He is no longer one to whom you give honours. He is one from whom you accept them.

In this game he strolled about the field when his 30-year-old legs a welcome rest, and every now and then burst into a moment or two of the brilliant self we have seen ourselves in so many international matches in the past 15 years.

There were some pretty movements, and some fine football in this game, even more necessary to give his 30-year-old legs a welcome rest, and every now and then burst into a moment or two of the brilliant self we have seen ourselves in so many international matches in the past 15 years.

But the dominating factor dwelling in the mind was that consummate football brain was out there directing the play in a League match which meant a great deal to Hull in the promotion sense and in the avoiding-relegation sense, and he was doing it at his own speed, as if he were teaching a bunch of raw recruits at an FA coaching school.

The superb artistry of the man does not belong to any more in the hurly-burly of international soccer. If there were a Chair of Football at Cambridge or Oxford, Professor Carter would be the man to fill it.

### ANTICIPATION

The other gentleman of whom we spoke earlier is the Hull City goalkeeper, one Billy Bly, whose father used to play wing-half with Newcastle, and who himself fiddled around successfully with positions in every part of the team until he decided that he was a goalkeeper.

Now he is a goalkeeper with the agility of a monkey, the strength of a tiger, and a sense of anticipation that we do not recall noting in a goalkeeper.

Since we cast fond eyes upon Harry Hibbs. "I started playing my football as a goalkeeper during my service in the Middle East," said Billy. "But I don't get this acrobatic business from having watched Continental. I do it just naturally. It is the only way I can get at a ball to get my body right behind it."

There has been a lot of talk of goalkeeper possibilities but in this humble opinion, Billy Bly of Hull City is an England international certainty.

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Sportsman's Diary  
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Bruce Harris

## Max McCready To Defend Amateur Title

British Amateur Golf Champion, Max McCready, is to defend his title at St. Andrews in May—a gratifying development which has seemed unlikely.

It was announced a few months ago that Max, who is in the cigar business, was taking up an appointment at Singapore and that he would not be able to play in the championship. Plans have been altered (writes James Goodfellow).

Several leading amateurs in the London area are perturbed about championship costs, and so may stay at home. Hotels to which they have sent inquiries are charging at least three guineas a day.

Said one player: "I should have to bet St. Andrews's slot at least 10 days at £31.10. First-class fare, with super, costs more than £11. Then there are caddies at £1 a day with other incidentals. My wife too, would like to come. So it seems prohibitive."

### THE OVERLANDERS

I like this soccer story of the men and the emergency, even though it couldn't happen in the most swagger circles.

Two clubs, Harefield United and Evelyns Y. C. drew their Middlesex Minor Cup-tie, and there was some hazziness about the replay date. The following Saturday, Evelyns found that that was the wrong day for it. But their opponents had gone off to Cowley for a League match.

Evelyns had some men of push and go. They got a lorry, drove to Cowley, convinced the Harefield team that that very day was really the one for the replay and drove them back to their ground at Hillingdon.

Evelyns won. I think they deserved it.

### STARS FOR ST MARY'S

Three good rugby players—two from Oxford and one from Cambridge—are joining St. Mary's Hospital in 1950.

They are Louis Cannell, Oxford, Northampton and England centre three-quarter, John Wilkinson, the Oxford sprinter, and Geoffrey Vaughan, the Cambridge rugby blue.

### ALL-ROUNDER

One of the most active sports-women in America, Mrs. Roba Monness, is coming to London soon in search of the English table tennis championship, March 7-11.

Mrs. Monness, dark-haired and attractive wife of a New York lawyer, lives in a New York flat surrounded by trophies she has won. Her friends say: "It is a wonder she has time to sleep."

In addition to being a table tennis star, she plays lawn tennis, golf, ice-hockey and squash. She is also a violinist, a lyric soprano and a painter.

For two years Mrs. Monness has been runner-up for the U.S. table tennis championship, losing in 1940 to Leah Thall.

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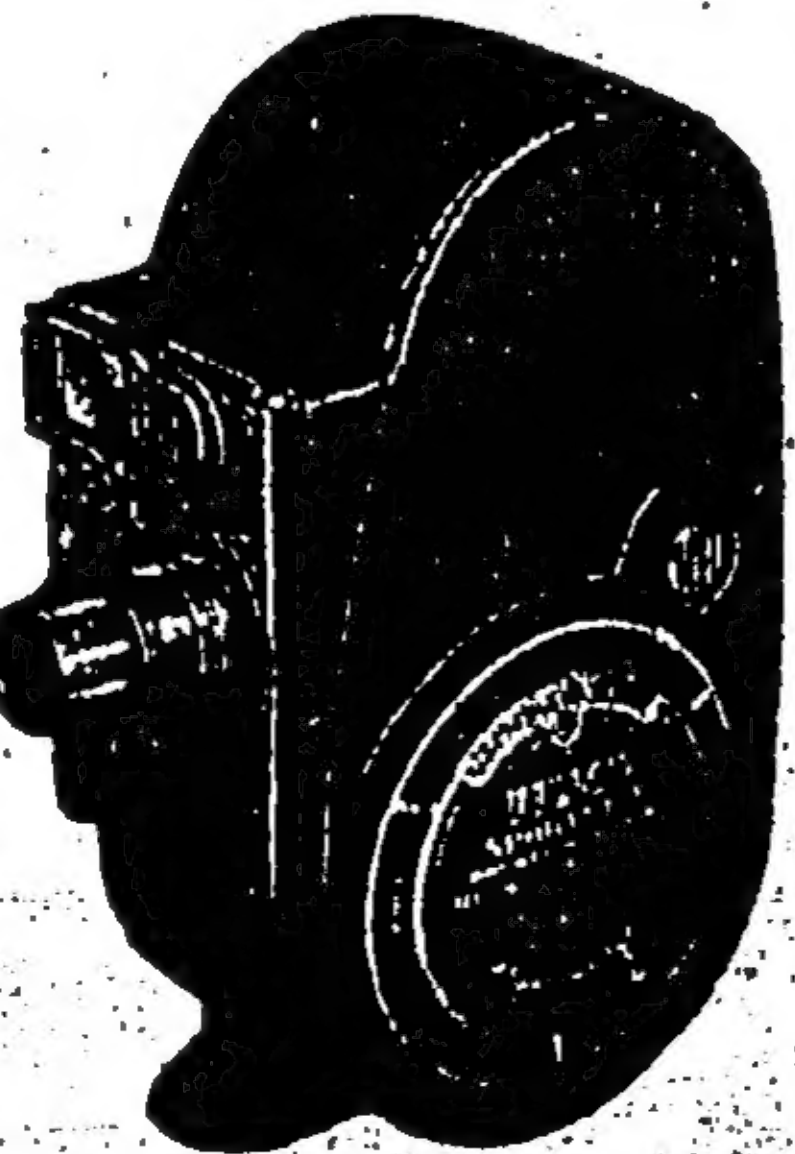
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The Riddle of the Red Domino





## Talking about Music... The demand is: 'Old works only'

LONDON. THERE is a difference and a distinction, not yet recorded in social or any other psychology, between the behaviour of subscribers to concerts and subscribers to circulating libraries—and concerts stand in relation to the literature of music exactly as circulating libraries stand to literature in general.

The subscribers to the circulating libraries insist on the "latest" books, the subscribers to concerts insist on the old stuff. Beethoven, Wagner, Tchaikovsky—Tchaikovsky for preference.

I seldom hear anybody in my lending library asking for Middlemarch, one of the few novels in English that for brain-work will survive comparison with any of the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven. "Have you Nigel Bunce's latest?" I hear them asking the nice patient girl who attends to me, "I forget the title. The Parasites, I think."

Few people run to the Albert Hall to hear a work by Rubbra; you have almost to wait in a queue for Graham Greene's "Intest."

### EMPTY HALLS?

I OFTEN wonder what the music public would be listening to nowadays if Beethoven had not composed the third and fifth symphonies, and the fifth piano concerto. If Grieg had not composed his piano concerto, and if Tchaikovsky had forgotten to compose the most famous piano concerto of all, and the fourth, fifth and sixth symphonies.

There will be a refreshing change for us when, at the concert of the London Philharmonic orchestra, we shall hear Mahler's The Song of the Earth. This is the only work of Mahler's which has had a sympathetic hearing in this country. In Central Europe, Vienna especially, Mahler (and Bruckner) are accepted as among the greatest—at least, they were so accepted once on a time.

by NEVILLE CARDUS

Many years ago I was present at a Sunday morning concert in Vienna, and Klemperer was about to begin the Ninth Symphony of Mahler. He stood with arms outstretched, baton extended, there was an awe-inspiring silence, the audience leant forward, as though prepared for a revelation, even for an apocalypse.

### BEGAN TO SOB

AND the man sitting next to me, before Klemperer even moved an arm, before a single note was played, shuddered and put his face into his hands and sobbed. Also, he had been eating garlic.

Mahler himself said that not in his day would the world agree about his position among the great composers. He died in 1911, yet not long ago I read something by one of our most prominent writers on music to the effect that Mahler was prone to "philosophising" of a "Teutonic" kind.

But Mahler was not Teutonic, certainly he was no philosopher. He was born in Bohemia, and he never forgot the landscape and atmosphere of his boyhood. In all his works we hear fancies from the barracks in the distance, horn calls, bird calls. He was also a Jew who became the most authoritative conductor in Europe, at the Vienna State Opera.

So his temperament assimilated a cosmopolitan culture, with the result that even in his maturely he remained mixed in the elements, naive and complex. Into a tone-world of country fields, villages and low-roofed rooms, enter the over-refined flavours and nostalgic violin portamento of the city and opera house.

He is not in the German tradition; he helped to forge the shape and material of the Austrian symphonic style. He really took over the heritage of Schubert. There is nothing in his music of the Beethoven heroic-ethical standpoint; and certainly he was never one of the Brahmsian bourgeoisie.

In The Song of the Earth he sang the swan-song of nineteenth-century romanticism. But he was one of the first to react against this same luscious romanticism. In the second and third movements of the Ninth

Symphony we can find a prophetic hint of the wrath to come; we are given a foretaste of the percussive acidity of contemporary music.

### A MYSTERY

BUT too much has been written of the austere and pathological Mahler. That is why I could wish that in England we might hear not only The Song of the Earth, but, as frequently, the Fourth Symphony. It is a mystery to me why this work isn't one of the world's favourites. It is full of fresh infectious melodies. There is a fascinating scherzo. There is one of the most beautiful slow movements in existence. And the finale calls for a solo soprano to sing of the delights of a peasant's dream of Heaven, a paradise of good wine and sweetmeats.

What better would you? But the routine will persist, remaining the same thing the more it is changed, while our conductors go on conducting from memory.

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## Six Novels Stand Out

NEW BOOKS by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

SIX novels stand out amidst the passing stream of fiction. You can buy the lot for £3 11s. 6d., thus acquiring 3,057 printed pages and about 1,250,000 words, or the equivalent in length of a dozen ordinary novels.

The six range in time over 3,300 years, from very ancient Egypt 1400 B.C. to post-war England. Women are liable to like Ernest Raymond's Gentle Graves, for men it would be safer to choose Guard of Honour or

in the Ice of the Weddell Sea. Its crew is presumed lost until two months later two lifeboats arrive at the South Georgia radio station with 12 survivors about and news that 67 others are marooned on a drifting iceberg.

Tanner's business is to tell through his fictitious narrator, an ex-naval officer named Duncan Craig—how the disaster occurred and how the survivors escaped. It is a grim business, with treachery, personal rivalry and love (there are women on the ice) reinforcing the malignity of Antarctic nature.

Cold adventure for the warm fireside.

\* HAMMOND INNES was born in 1912 in Sussex. Tried teaching, publishing, journalism. Is married.

THE WHITE SOUTH. By Hammond Innes. Collins, 9s. 6d. 319 pages.

ITS scene is "the pitiless frozen wastes of the Antarctic" to quote the author, who relies on an accumulation of credible but appalling details to impress us, rather than on any surprising turns of phrase.

He is not afraid to remind us that "men were face to face with the elements."

A whale-factory ship, the Southern Cross, British-owned, Norwegian-manned, is crushed

The theme is the life story of that energetic young Pharisee who, on the road to Damascus, becomes Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

It is asking a great deal of a novelist that his portrait of this extraordinary man should carry conviction. Usually the aspirants hide their ineptitude for such tasks behind a holy attack of the shakes (often described by publishers as "reverent treatment").

Sholem Asch makes a bold stab at it, backed with considerable learning, and brings it off. Here, one says, is a Paul who might have done what we know Paul did.

The Apostle's far outstrips in value and dramatic fire all recent reconstructions of the New Testament, and there have been many. Too many. Yet what a comparison. Sholem Asch is challenging! Here is his account of a certain conversation:

"A Roman citizen?" he asked, stupefied. Was it possible? "I paid a great sum for my citizenship," he said. "I did not purchase my Roman citizenship. I was born a Roman citizen," answered Paul.

There is another rendering of the same incident:

"And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was born free. You can take your choice. Luke or Asch.

\* SHOLEM ASCH was born in Poland. Is one of the foremost living Jewish writers. Has lived in America for many years.

long they will start making a few Negro troops with white units. But the army says it still has no idea of modifying its policy, which limits Negro enlistments to ten percent of total strength.

POLITICS: Left-winger Henry Wallace and the so-called Progressive Party (Paul Robeson and so forth), are no longer seeing eye to eye. . . . Magazine-owner Henry Luce is said to be "definitely interested" in the Republicans' invitation to run for Senator in Connecticut. . . . James Byrnes, President Truman's first Secretary of State, announced he will try for a political come-back as Governor of South Carolina and leader of the anti-Truman bloc in America's Southland.

BUSINESS: New York is planning to install meters along its kerbstones to collect threepence an hour from motorists who park their cars there. One of the three companies trying to get a contract to supply the meters is owned by New York's biggest bookie, Frank Erleson.

ADVERTISING: Hollywood's campaign to launch its latest blonde bombshell, Shelley Winters, is to ask "Have you been Shelley-shocked?"

## C.V.R. Thompson: Sunshine Is Costly

NEW YORK. Mr Vanderbilt told me he was going for "educational travel." "I have never taken a cruise before," he said. Roosevelt said he "just felt like a holiday."

Other passengers were unknowns from Texas, where 1,000,000 dollars is a pittance, doctors, lawyers, and socialites, mostly from the provinces.

SO MANY "bon voyage" presents arrived that the baggage people had to hire seven men to deliver them on board. There were so many milk cans that women without them were suspected as slow-ways.

Six women took private maids with them—at an extra cost of £1,500. Baggage averaged six trunks a head. One woman had 30 dinner dresses. Angry and disappointed were nearly 400 Americans who could not get bookings.

HERE is what some passengers paid for their rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Urschel, Texas millionaire, £7,000; Lewis Fawcett, retired Brooklyn judge, £2,300 for a single room; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rhineland, socialites, £3,800; James Rafferty, a chemical magnate, £4,000.

## THE most expensive

Steamer trip in history began in New York the other day.

Off to the Mediterranean sailed the liner Caronia for the first long-distance, all-luxury winter cruise since before the war.

There were 550 passengers, and they paid just under £1,000,000 for their passage alone. Before they get back to New York they will spend nearly as much again.

A typical shore excursion will cost them £350 a passenger. To find out who, in these days, can afford to spend so much money and take 80 days off from work, I went aboard just before sailing time.

They handed me a passenger list bound in zebra stripes to remind everyone of New York's smartest night club.

I had heard of only two passengers—Harold Vanderbilt, the America's Cup yachtsman, who booked a suite for £7,000, and George Roosevelt, a big financier.

### ERNEST RAYMOND

post-war England with a play based on the life of one Colley Burton, who has spent his life doing good in India. As his maharajah pointed out, Colley is probably the only living British saint.

Living? That is the trouble. Prynn's play was written and produced in the belief that Colley is quite dead. And here he is flying home—to a drama crammed with outrageous libels on him.

A propitious opening. How sad then, to report that Menon throws the book away. Scorning his own talent for wildest humour he turns serious, religious even. At once, his handling, which has been so sure, falters, becomes banal. It is hard to play the Hallelujah Chorus on a zither.

GENTLE GREAVES. By Ernest Raymond. Cassell, 12s. 6d. 543 pages.

ALLAN MOURNE, son of a philanthropic general, grows up to love and lose his childhood friend Gentle, who marries a rowdy doctor named Drury. Allan then becomes a publisher and marries Iris to whom he tactlessly discloses his abiding love for Gentle.

Meanwhile Gentle, false to her name, lures her husband with a handy ophthalmoscope. She runs off to London, has a child by Allan and dies. The war of 1914 follows almost at once.

A skilful, friendly novel, more successful with its humour than with its sentiment. Somehow it is hard to share Raymond's enthusiasm for his heroine.

SINUHE THE EGYPTIAN. By Mika Waltari. Putnam, 12s. 6d. 503 pages.

SOME may be daunted by the thought that this is an elaborate reconstruction of life in the age of Akhnaton, a pharaoh who heretically believed that there was only one God.

So let one explorer report that the hinterland is full of marvels, and well worth the journey. Names like "Shubtillulum" is now prospering in serious, should not unduly dismay.

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Start reading to-day the new **Guid Blyton** exciting children's serial, **Five Fall Into Adventure**.

## CHAPTER ONE

## AT KIRKIN COTTAGE

GEORGINA was at the station to meet her three cousins, Timmy, her dog was with her, his long tail wagging eagerly. He knew quite well they had come to meet Julian, Dick and Anne, and he was glad. It was much more fun when the Five were all together.

"Here comes the train," Timmy said. George, who called her Georgina, because she wouldn't answer if they did, looked like a boy with her short curly hair and her shorts and open-necked shirt. Her face was covered with freckles, and her legs and arms were as brown as a gipsy's.

Nearer and nearer it came, slowing down as it reached Kirkin station. Long before it

came to the little platform three heads appeared out of one of the windows, and three hands waved wildly. George waved back, her face one big smile.

The door swung open almost before the train stopped. Out came a big boy, and helped down a small girl. Then came another boy, not quite so tall as the first one, with a bag in each hand. He dragged a bag out, and then George and Timmy were on him.

"Julian! Dick! Anne! Your train's late," they thought you were never coming!

"Hallo, George! Here we are at last. Get down, Timmy, don't eat me!"

"Hallo, George! Oh, Timmy, you're just as licky as ever!"

"Wood!" said Timmy, joyfully, and bounded all round like a mad thing, getting into everybody's way.

"Any trunk or anything?" asked George. "Only those three bags!"

"Well, we haven't come for long this time, worse luck," said Dick. "Only a fortnight! Still, it's better than nothing."

"You shouldn't have gone off to France all those six weeks," said George, half-jokingly. "I suppose you've gone all French now."

Dick laughed, waved his hands in the air and went into a stream of quick French that sounded just like gibberish to George. French was not one of her strong subjects.

"Shut up," she said, giving him a friendly shove. "You're just the same old idiot. Oh, I'm so glad you've come. It's been so lonely and dull at Kirkin without you."

"It's lovely to have you again," said George as she linked her arms in Anne's and Dick's. "Mother's looking forward to seeing you all."

was really rather afraid of her hot-tempered uncle.

"No," said George. "Mother and Father are going away for a tour in Spain—so we'll be on our own."

"Wizard!" said Dick. "We can wear our bathing costumes all day long then if we want to." "And Timmy can come in at meal-times without being sent out whenever he moves," said George. "He's been sent out every single meal-time this week, just because he snipped at the flies that came near him. Father goes absolutely mad if Timmy suddenly sneezes at a fly."

"There won't be time for any adventure these days," said Dick, regretfully, as they walked down the lane to Kirkin Cottage. Red poppies danced along the way, and in the distance the sea shone as blue as cornflowers. "Only two weeks—and back we go to school! Well, let's hope the weather keeps fine. I want to bathe six times a day!"

Soon they were all sitting round the tea-table at Kirkin Cottage, and their Aunt Fanny was handing round plates of her nicest scones and jam-cakes. She was very pleased to see her nephews and niece again.

"Now George will be happy," she said, smiling at the hungry four. "She's been going about like a bear with a sore head the last week or two. Have another scone, Dick? Take two while you're about it."

"Good idea," said Dick, and helped himself. "Nobody makes scones and cakes like you do, Aunt Fanny. Where's Uncle Quentin?"

George's father was a brilliant scientist, well-known all over the world. But he was rather a difficult man at home, impatient, hot-tempered and forgetful. The children were fond of him, but held him in great respect. They all heaved a sigh of relief when he went away for a few days, for then they could relax as much as they liked, tear up and down the stairs, play silly jokes and generally be as mad as they pleased.

"Will Uncle Quentin be at home all the time we're staying with you?" asked Anne. "She

"Quentin! What- ever's the matter?" said his wife, and—here are the children—they've just arrived."

But Uncle Quentin simply didn't see any of the four children at all. He went on glaring at the paper. He rapped at it with his hand.

"Now we'll get the place full of reporters wanting to see me, and wanting to know all about my new ideas!" he said, beginning to shout. "See what they've said! This eminent scientist conducts all his experiments and works out all his ideas at his home, Kirkin Cottage. Here are some of his notes—books, to his sack of note-books, which are now added two more, fruits of his visit to America, and here at his cottage are his amazing diagrams, and so on and so on."

"I tell you, Fanny, we'll have hordes of reporters down."

"No we shan't, dear," said his wife. "And anyway, we are soon off to Spain. Do sit down and have some tea. And look, can't you say a word to welcome Julian, Dick and Anne?"

Uncle Quentin grunted and sat down. "I didn't know they were coming," he said, and helped himself to a scone. "You might have told me, Fanny."

"I told you three times yesterday and twice today," said his wife. "You never remember me coming! Shall we go away again?"

Her uncle looked down at her and smiled. His temper never lasted very long. He grinned at Julian and Dick. "Well, here you are again!" he said. "Do you think you can hold the fort for me while I'm away with your aunt?"

Rather! said all three together. "Have another scone, father?" said George hurriedly. "When



George waved back, her face one big smile.

are you and mother going to Spain?"

"Tomorrow," said her mother firmly. "Now don't look like that, Quentin. You know perfectly well it's been arranged for weeks, and you need a holiday, and if we don't go tomorrow all our arrangements will be upset."

"Well, you might have warned me it was tomorrow," said her husband, looking indignant. "I mean—I've all my notebooks to check and put away, and..."

"Quentin, I've told you heaps of times that we leave on September the third," said his wife, still more firmly. "I want a holiday too. The four children will be quite all right here with Timmy—they'll love being on their own. Julian is 10 now and he can cope with anything that turns up."

Timmy snapped twice at a fly and Uncle Quentin jumped. "If that dog does that again," he began, but his wife interrupted him at once.

"There, you see! You're as touchy and nervy as can be, Quentin, dear. It will do you good to get away—and the children will have a lovely two weeks on their own. Nothing can possibly happen, so make up your mind to leave tomorrow with an easy mind!"

Nothing can possibly happen? Aunt Fanny was wrong of course. Anything could happen when the Five were left on their own!

**NEXT WEEK**  
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## Puzzle Patch

### HOME SWEET HOME

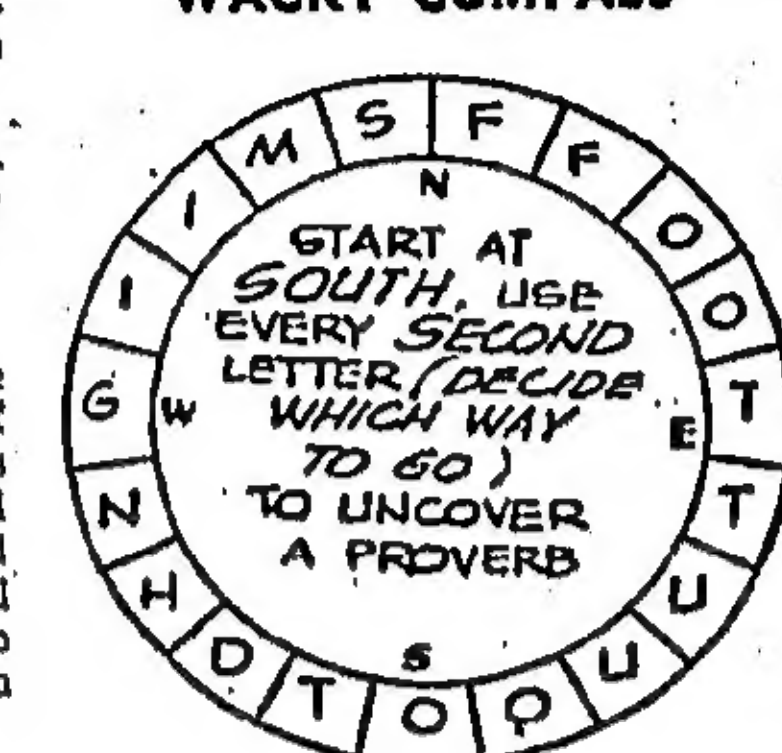
These riddles are all about things common at home:

1. Why is the washerwoman a great traveller?
2. Why are pianos the noblest of furniture?
3. What is it that has a nose and cannot smell?
4. What is it that when it loses its eye it has only a nose left?
5. What is the difference between one yard and two yards?

### RIDDLES

1. Why do knapsacks resemble handcuffs?
2. Why are large crowds dangerous?
3. Why is a fly taller than most men?
4. Why does summer seem short?
5. Why should a perfumer be a good dentist?

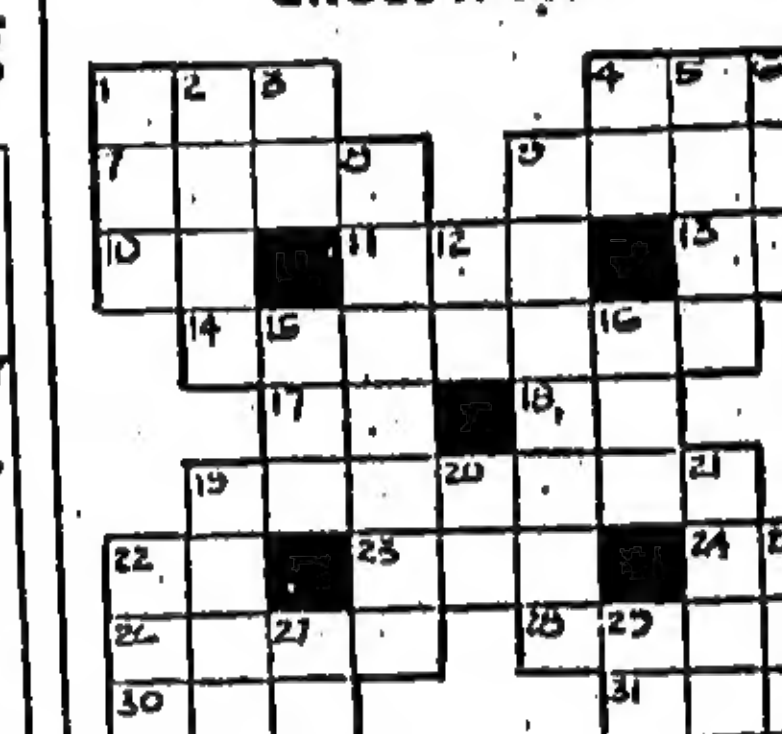
### WACKY COMPASS



### WHATZIT?

What is neither animal, mineral, nor vegetable, sometimes a gas, sometimes a liquid, but never a solid?

### CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

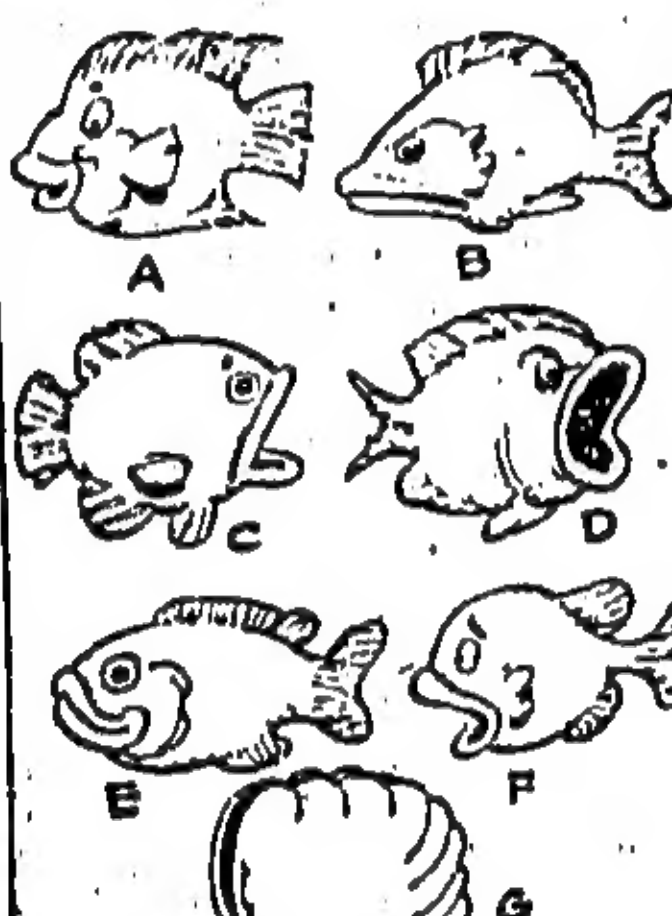
- 1 Skill
- 4 Worthless morsel
- 7 Require
- 9 Woody plant
- 10 Symbol for tantalum
- 11 Mimic
- 12 Any
- 14 Business associate
- 17 That thing
- 18 Paid newspaper notice
- 19 Smiled broadly
- 22 Each (ab.)
- 23 Negative word
- 24 Exist
- 25 Male deer
- 28 Painful
- 30 Harden, as cement
- 31 Novel

### DOWN

- 1 Social insect
- 2 Harvest
- 3 Total expenses (ab.)
- 4 Correlative of either
- 5 Back
- 6 Number
- 8 Moving quickly
- 9 Bule, occupant
- 12 Pint (ab.)
- 15 Ventilator
- 16 City in The Netherlands
- 19 Fence opening
- 20 Negative reply
- 21 Dreadful
- 22 Nineteenth letter of alphabet
- 25 Slit
- 27 Near
- 29 Proposition

## Funny Fishing

### FISHY FACES



HERE'S a comic matching quiz. Look over the fish shown in the drawings above and try to decide how each one feels by the expression on his face. Pick out the words that describe him best in the list below. Then check the answers.

- Example: Fish A looks stupid, doesn't he? Stupid is No. 6, so that may be the answer. If you wish you can write the answers on the fish.
1. "I'm sure tired!"
2. "Aw, go chase yourself!"
3. "Everything happens to me!"
4. "Cool! I'm scared!"
5. "Shh!"
6. "Dah-h-h! I don't know anything!"
7. "Whatcha doin' tonight, babe?"

Here are the answers—don't peek:  
A—6. B—3. C—4. D—2. E—7. F—1. G—5.

## Rupert and the Snuff-box—22



Mrs. Sheep leads the way through the wood by the short cut towards her cottage. "Oh dear, I'm too old to go fast," she sighs. "I tell you what, if you both run in circles around me while we are on our way you should be able to keep warm." So the little pair do as she tells them until they are nearly out of the wood.

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## The Shadows' Discovery Trip

—Willy Went Along to Find the Equator—

By MAX TRELL

"LET's discover something," Knarf said, waving his arm from one side of the landscape to the other. "That's a really wonderful idea!" exclaimed his sister Hanid. "I've always wanted to discover something, especially if it's something famous like the North Pole, or the South Pole. Only," she added in a sad voice, "they've already been discovered."

Willy Toad said: "Sure, let's go and discover something new. Like the Equator," he said, waving his hand in the general direction of the pine trees and the water-lily pond. "The Equator?" said Knarf. "Where's the Equator?"

### All About It

"Why," said Willy, trying to sound as if he knew all about it, which of course he didn't. "The Equator is—is, it's right where it should be. It's always there. Where do you think it is?" he asked.

Knarf shook his head. "Do you know where the Equator is?"

"It's around the middle of the Earth," replied Hanid. "Oh," said Willy. "So there's where it is—"

"There's where it always is, Willy."

"Humm," said Willy. "Has anyone ever discovered it? I mean, recently? I mean, since this morning?"

"No one's ever discovered it," said Hanid. "No one's ever seen it. They can't see it."

"Why not?" asked Willy. "Because," said Hanid, who had just read about all this in a large book, "because it's imaginary."

Willy looked surprised. He wasn't quite sure he knew what imaginary meant. "Imaginary—oh yes—that's right. I forgot about that," he murmured. "Imaginary... I'm-m. Why is it imaginary?" he finally wanted to know.

### Divide The Earth

"The Equator," Hanid said, "is like a line that divides the Earth into two parts: the North and the South parts. But it really isn't a line. It isn't anything but mountains and ocean and islands and houses and fields stretching all around the middle of the Earth. People just imagine it's there. That's why they say the Equator is just imaginary."



"I found it," said Willy.

Willy looked very disappointed to hear about the Equator being only imaginary. But Knarf said he had a good idea. He said that as long as they wanted to discover something, they might just as well discover something imaginary as anything else. "We can just imagine we're discovering it," he said.

"How do we do that?" inquired Willy.

"Well, all we've got to do is walk to the middle of the Earth and imagine we see the Equator."

"Doesn't sound hard at all," agreed Willy. "Where do you think the middle of the Earth is?"

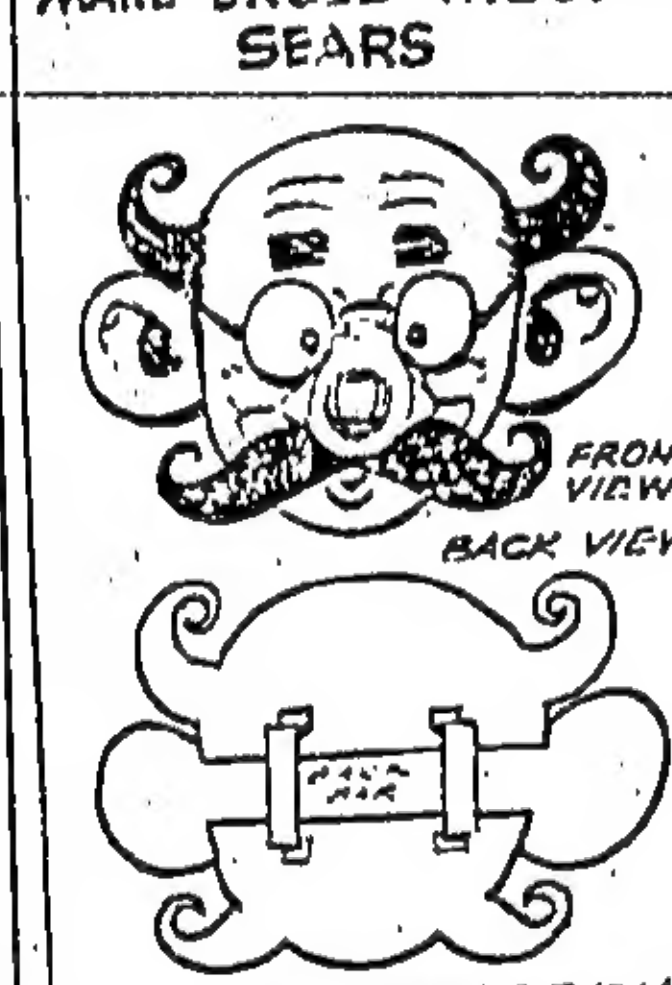
"Neither Knarf nor Hanid could say exactly where they thought the middle of the earth might be. So Willy got up and hopped on top of the high white rock a few feet away, and looked all around. "There it is!" he suddenly shouted. "I can see it plainly. It's a big line, like a path! Follow me!"

Willy hopped down to the pines, then around the pond with Knarf and Hanid running excitedly behind him. All at once, when he reached the cow pasture on the other side of the pond, he pointed to a long crooked line going through the grass and up the hill. "That's it! There's the Equator! Look at it! It's not imaginary at all! You can see it as plain as the nose on my face!"

Hanid thought it was only a cow-path. Knarf was sure he saw a cow walking on it. But nothing could convince Willy that it wasn't really and truly the Equator!

## Wiggly Sears

MAKE UNCLE WIGGLY SEARS



HE CAN WIGGLE THEM! WIGGLE WHAT? HIS EARS OF COURSE.

UNCLE WIGGLY'S ears wiggle if you cut out the drawing and paste his ears on the back bar, as shown in the illustration. It will work best if you mount the drawing on cardboard.

Just push the back bar up and down.

## Teen Time

By BESS RITTER

TO divide a pie into five sections, cut a capital Y in it, then cut each of the two lower sections in half. Now everybody will get an equal amount.

If your parents insist on providing you with extra-curricular education, don't take it to hate practising. Round up friends at school who also study musical instruments. Create a neighbourhood orchestra. Practise together regularly. At the end of a month, invite an audience of relatives and classmates. If the performance is "car-able," imagine the praise!

It doesn't pay boys to throw away an old coat. Cut off the sleeves at the elbow and store them with mossy hobby gadgets. By adding a couple of ordinary rubber bands, they are perfect sleeve protectors for good clothing while working.

If you're tired of being bawled out for tramping the floor with muddy shoes, hang a stiff scrubbing brush right near the door mat. It will come in handy on wet days to remove the mud from the sides of your shoes before entering the house.

## How to Make a Pressman's Hat

AROUND most newspaper offices the men who run the presses wear paper hats. The hats can be made out of newspaper, and they show how to do it. Follow the illustrations from top to bottom.

(1) Begin with a full sheet of the newspaper, creased in the centerfold. Fold back the flaps as if you were making an ordinary paper hat. Now fold back one of the cuffs twice and leave the other as it is.

(2) Turn the paper over and fold back the end of the triangle. This will determine the headsize and if the first try comes out too small, don't fold them back quite so far.

(3) Now make two smaller flaps at the base of your hat. These need not come to a point at the bottom because this part will be tucked in later out of sight.

(4) Fold up the bottom flaps and tuck in the excess behind the cuff. It will stay in securely when the hat is opened if you make a good crease.

(5) Now fold over the top and tuck the point in under the same cuff. Next open it up and bend down the two side corners, which can also be tucked in under the all-around cuff.

(6) And here is the finished product, as worn by Harold Schmiedrich, who has been a pressman for 30 years. Note how the last two corners are tucked in under the cuff.

Coloured crepe paper can be used instead of a newspaper to make snappy party hats.

## Puzzle Answers

HOME SWEET HOME: 1—Because she is always crossing the line and going from post to post. 2—Because they are upright, grand and square. 3—A teapot. 4—Noise.

BACK AND FORTH: Refers to: Solace; Level; Tenet; Riddle; 1—Because both are made for tourists (two wrists). 2—If you are hemmed in by a crowd you are likely to get stuck in it. 3—Because he stands up six feet without shoes and stockings. 4—Because the tie is so often an evening hat (messed). 5—Because he makes extra.

WACKY COMPASS: Out of sight, out of mind.

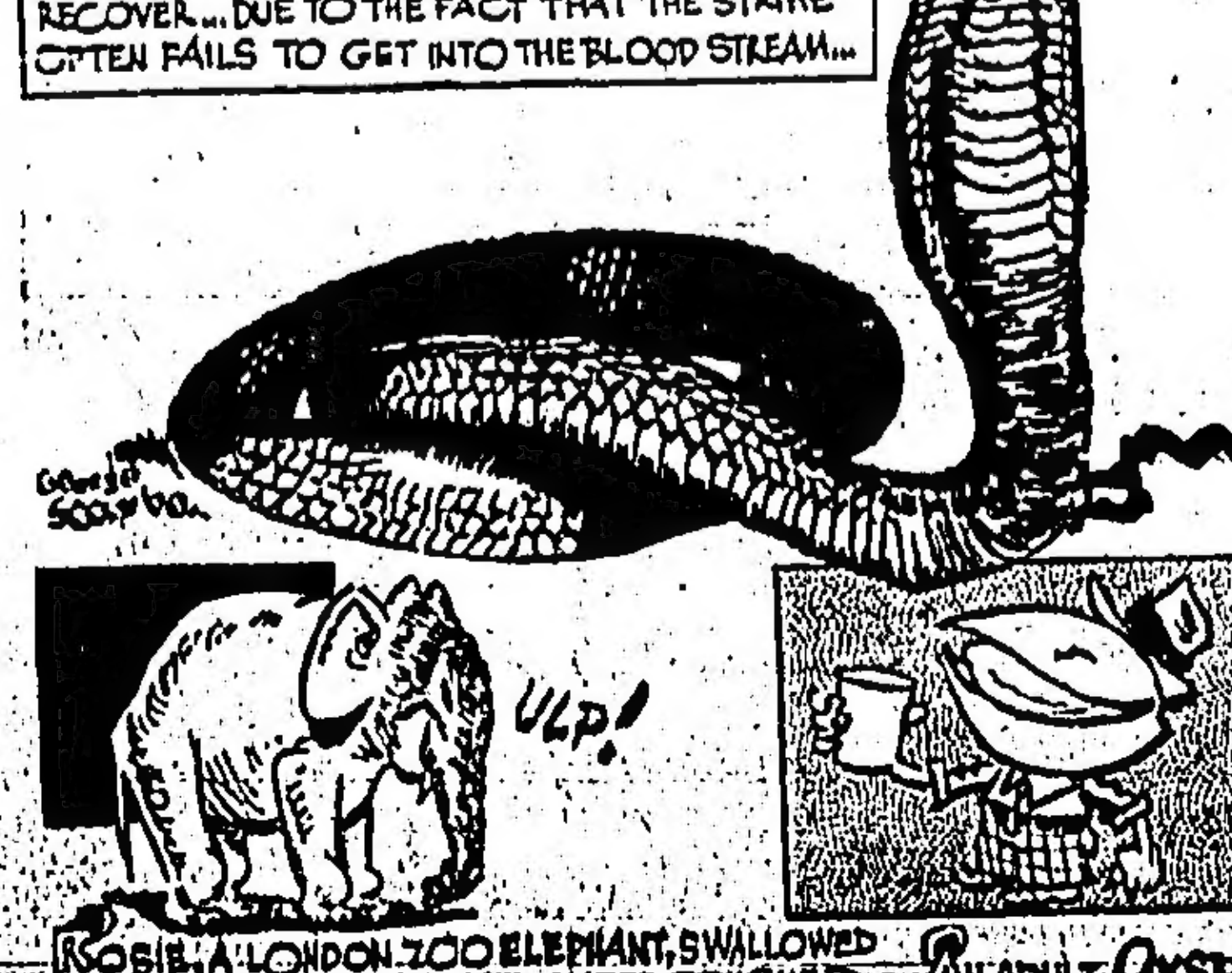
WHATZIT? Fire, or Flame.

CROSSWORD:



## ZOO'S WHO

THE COMMON COBRA CARRIES ENOUGH VENOM IN ITS GLANDS FOR FIFTEEN LETHAL DOSES—YET ABOUT FORTY PERCENT OF ITS VICTIMS RECOVER... DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE STRIKE OFTEN FAILS TO GET INTO THE BLOOD STREAM.



ROSE, A LONDON ZOO ELEPHANT, SWALLOWED A WOMAN'S HANDBAG AND LATER COUGHED UP A CIGARETTE LIGHTER.

## BRONCHO BILL

Just Babies

By Harry F. O'Neill









# Sweden Takes World Ski Championship

Rumford, Maine, Feb. 3.—Karl-Eric Aastrom, of Sweden, was declared the official winner of the 11-mile cross-country World Ski Championship here today. Heikki Hasu, of Finland, was the official winner of the Combined Nordic Championship.

The official result of the Combined Nordic Championship event was:

1. Heikki Hasu (Finland) 455.2 points.
2. Otar Gjermundshaug (Norway) 452 points.
3. Simon Slatvik (Norway) 451 points.
4. Per Sannerud (Norway) 447.98 points.
5. Sven Isaksson (Sweden) 447.67 points.

A field of 68 competitors went off today in the 11-mile cross-country race. There was about two feet of snow, the top of which was being whipped around by an icy wind.

Twenty-four of the runners were competing for the combined Nordic title, the jumping Lake Phleed on Wednesday. The remainder were running for the individual 11-mile cross-country Championship.

## TOUGH COURSE

Conditions at the start were such that the already tough course looked like being made even tougher. Promptly at 3 p.m. GMT the first man, Silas Dunkles, of the United States, strode off.

Following close behind Dunkles was Simon Slatvik, of Norway, the winner of the combined Nordic title.

The cold wind was blowing across the runners' path on the first climb. Each runner remained wrapped up in a warm overcoat until the last second.

Hundreds of hardy Rumford inhabitants braved the weather

## WEEK-END SPORT

### TODAY

Athletics—Annual Sports of Stephen's College at Stanley.

Cricket—F. I. r. t. Division League: Army v. Scots at Sookunpo; Optimists v. IHC at Chater Road; Crusaders v. Commandos at Happy Valley; Royal Navy v. RAF at King's Park; University v. KCC at Pokfulam.

Second Division League: KCC v. University at Cox's Road; IHC v. King George v. School at Sookunpo; IAF v. Navy at Kai Tak.

Football—RASC v. Diocesan Boys' School.

Football—Senior Shield Semi-final: Kitchener v. Club at Happy Valley, 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield Semi-final: Club v. Commandos at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

First Division League: Kwong Wah v. Navy at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

Second Division League: St. Joseph's v. News Vendors at Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; RAF v. Navy at Kai Tak, 4 p.m.

Rugby—Rugby Cup Tournament: Commandos v. Navy at Sookunpo, 3 p.m.; Army v. Club at Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.; Police v. RAF at Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.

Softball—League Matches at King's Park: At CDA Ground—Spartans v. Overseas Chinese, 2 p.m.; Jaguars v. Rexes, 3.30 p.m.; At Recreio Ground: Del-wares v. Braves, 2 p.m.; Griffins v. Blackhawk, 3.30 p.m.

### TOMORROW

Cricket—Oceania v. Commandos at Chater Road, 11 a.m.; RASC v. Pressists at King George v. School, 1.45 p.m.

Football—Senior Shield semi-final: St. Joseph's v. KMB at Sookunpo, 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield Semi-final: CAA v. Army at Sookunpo, 2 p.m.

First Division League: RAF v. Police at Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.; CAA v. Commandos at Boundary Street, 4 p.m.

Second Division League: University v. Kitchener at Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.; Police v. Dockyard at Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.; PCA v. Talkoo at Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Solicitors v. South China at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

Hockey—Association Matches: Police v. Navy at Boundary Street, 11.30 a.m.; YMCA v. Recreio "B" at King's Park, 11.15 a.m.; University v. Commandos at Pokfulam, 10.30 a.m.; KITCH v. Army at Sookunpo, 11.15 a.m.; Club v. Pak SC at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Recreio "A" v. RAF at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Dutch HC v. Nomads at King's Park, 10 a.m.

Softball—League Matches at King's Park: At CDA Ground—HKBC v. St. Teresa's, 9 a.m.; St. Teresa's v. McTearlans, 10.30 a.m.; Madcaps v. USS "G-slbury Bound", Noon; Canadians v. Braves, 1.30 p.m.; Ground—Carrollville v. Americans, 10.30 a.m.; Veterans v. Paks, noon; Chung Hwa v. Overseas Chinese, 1.30 p.m.; Pandas v. Aces, 3 p.m.

to watch the start of the race. The competitors went off at intervals of one minute. At six miles the first control station, L. Harald Martmann, of Norway, was timed in at 37 mins. 15-1/10 secs. Then came August Kluri, of Finland, in 38 mins. 36-4/10 secs. In third place came Viljo Vollenen, of Finland, in 39 mins. 45-1/10 secs.

An official said the wind at the beginning of the race was blowing at 20 miles per hour. It eased considerably an hour after the start.

The first man to finish the course was Eero Rautiola, of Finland, in the individual 11-mile Championship. The second man in was Mikko Merilainen, also of Finland, who was in combined event. Both races are decided on a time basis so there was no chance of telling at the time they finished how the two Finns would eventually be placed.

Rautiola's finishing time was 1 hr. 11 mins. 14 secs. Merilainen's 1 hr. 11 mins. 43 secs.

Heikki Hasu, of Finland, in the combined event, finished in the time of 1 hr. 8 mins. 13 secs. He was the 1948 Olympic winner.

Karl-Eric Aastrom, of Sweden, finished in 1 hr. 6 mins. 16 secs. to take the lead in the combined event.

Another fine time recorded was that of Einar Josefsson, of Sweden. He finished in 1 hr. 6 mins. 27 secs. Arne Nynas, of Norway, finished the 11-mile course in 1 hr. 7 mins. 8 secs.

Aastrom comes from Northern Sweden. He is 23. The Swedish team did not expect any great things of him. Josefsson, a comparative veteran at 23, was the favourite over the tough testing course, but Aastrom returned the best time.

At the first control station Aastrom had picked up 17 secs. on Josefsson, whose time at that point was 30 mins. 3 secs. Aastrom and Josefsson, as well as Arne Nynas, of Norway, were among the later starters in the field of 68.

Half an hour after the start, the wind dropped and the run was shining when Josefsson and Aastrom started.

Hasu was mobbed by admirers as he crossed the finishing line, still looking fresh and smiling through ice-covered eyelashes.—Reuter.

## Barna Wins

## Table Tennis Jubilee Cup

Budapest, Feb. 3.—Viktor Barna of England beat R. Hayden, also of England, by three games to zero here to win a special Jubilee Cup awarded by the International Table Tennis Federation for players who participated in the World Championships of 20 years ago.

The competition was played in conjunction with the present world championships, being held here.

Among other competitors were the Hon. Ivor Montagu, a Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association, Finberg (Israel) and several Hungarians.

Barna, who became a naturalised British subject, was born in Hungary.—Reuter.

Budapest, Feb. 3.—Kotkova of Czechoslovakia beat Lucchesi of Italy 21-7, 21-9, 21-12 in the first round of the women's singles in the world table tennis championships here today.

In a second round match, C. Pihle of Scotland beat E. Eriksson of Sweden 10-21, 21-11, 21-17, 21-19.

In a women's doubles second round match, D. Beregi (England) and Elliott (Scotland) beat Eriksson and Pearson (Sweden) 21-7, 21-12, 21-14.—Reuter.

## Skating Title For Britain

Davos, Feb. 3.—In an international Paris skating competition here today, John Nicks and his sister Jennifer Nicks, the British pair skating champions, won with 102 points out of a possible maximum of 12.

Second place went to the Swiss pair, Mullerallene Steinmann and Andre Clame, with 102 points. The Belgians, Suzanne Ghelders and Jacques Renard, were third with 103 points.

The Yugoslav skaters, Silve Palme and Marko Lajovic, were fourth with 97 points.—Reuter.

## 27 Nations To Play In Davis Cup

New York, Feb. 3.—The draw for the 1950 Davis Cup competition will be made here on February 7, according to an announcement tonight by Mr. Walter Merrill Hall, Chairman of the Davis Cup Management Committee.

The draw will be made by Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, in the new United Nations Headquarters building in midtown New York.

Twenty-six nations, two fewer than last year, have challenged for the trophy, which has been held by the United States since it was won from Australia in 1949.

Five nations (Finland, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines and Poland), which did not compete last year, have sent in challenges, while seven (Chile, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Portugal, South Africa and Turkey), which played last year, will be absentees in 1950.

Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico are to challenge in the North American Zone, while Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia will contest the European Zone.

Zonal winners will contest the inter-zone final for the right of challenging the United States for the trophy.—Reuter.

PHILIPPINES DOUBLES. Manila, Feb. 3.—In quarter-final matches of the Philippines men's doubles lawn tennis championships today, Sumant Misra and Dillip Bose of India, P. Masip (Spain) and H. Weiss (Argentina), F. Arpon and R. Carmona (Philippines) won.

The winners will play in the semi-finals tomorrow.—Reuter.

## New Zealanders Unable To Tour

Bombay, Feb. 3.—Another Commonwealth cricket team may tour India next season if New Zealand are unable to send a representative team.

The New Zealand Cricket Council are understood to have informed the India Cricket Board of control that for health and business reasons most of the players who toured England last summer will be unable to leave the country for a tour of India.

To fill this void the India Board contemplates inviting another unofficial Commonwealth team and will make their final decision at a meeting on February 22 in Madras.—Reuter.

## Grand National Quotations

London, Feb. 3.—A bet of £10,000 to £600 was laid at Windsor Races today on the Northern-trained horse, Freebooter, for the Grand National.

Another piece of "Spring double" news disclosed at the meeting was that Gordon Richards is almost certain to ride Dramatic in the Lincolnshire Handicap.

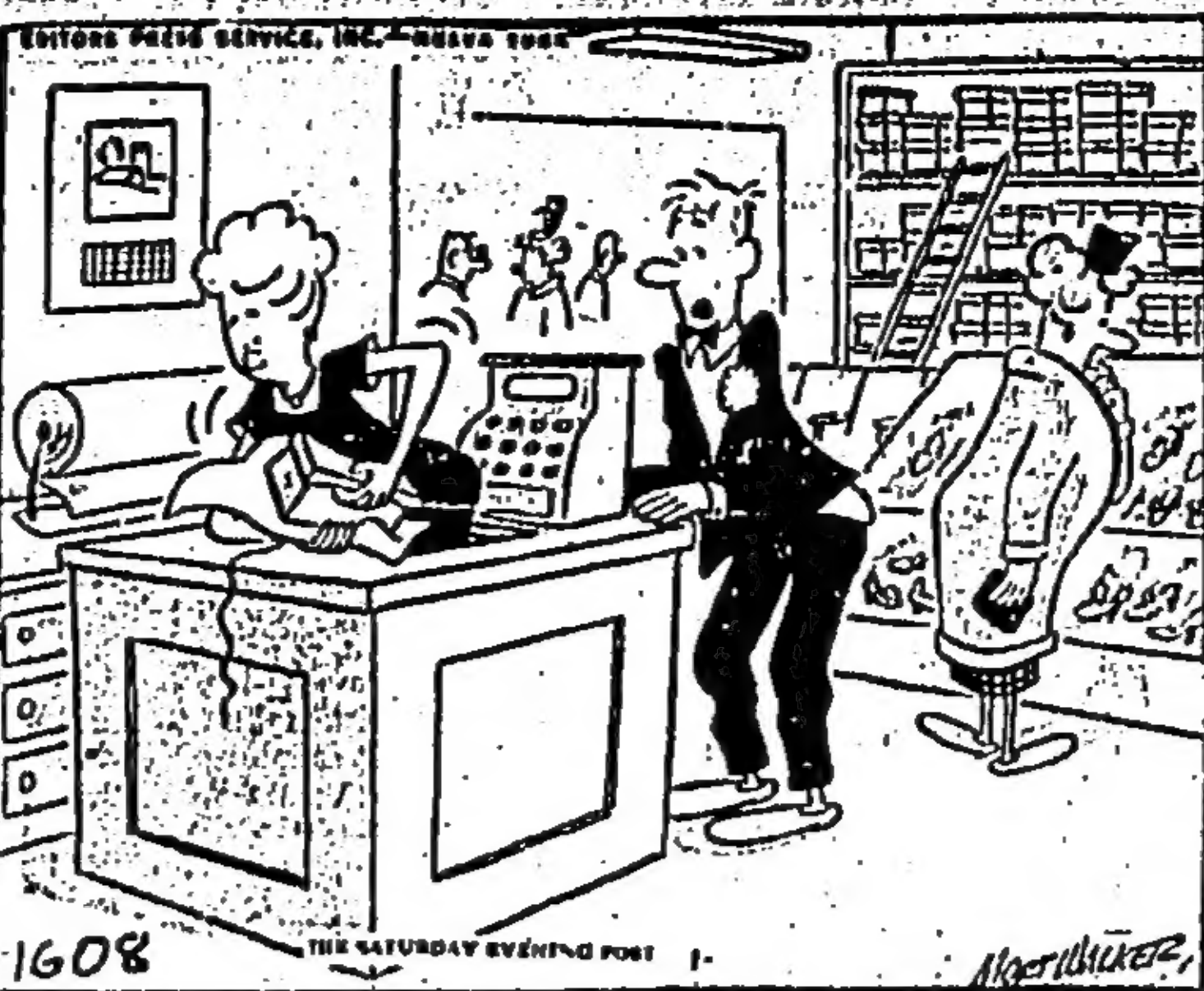
Dramatic is already a favourite in the ante-post betting on the Lincolnshire, while Freebooter is bracketed at the head of "National" quotations with the Royal horse, Monveen, and Lord Mildenay's Cromwell.—Reuter.

## Recognition Of Ho Chi-minh

London, Feb. 3.—Moscow Radio reported tonight that Poland had decided to establish diplomatic relations with the Ho Chi-Minh Government of Indo-China.

Czechoslovakia announced its recognition yesterday and Hungary followed suit earlier today.

Rumania has also decided to recognise the Ho Chi-Minh Government of Indo-China, Bucharest Radio said tonight. The Rumanian Foreign Minister, Mme. Anna Pauker, has cabled the Ho Chi-minh Government informing it of Rumania's decision and desire to establish diplomatic relations, the Radio said.—Reuter.



## WESTERLING SAID NOW IN HIDING

Karachi, Feb. 3.—Dr. Mohamed Rum, Indonesian High Commissioner-Designate to the Netherlands, today accused "certain Dutch elements in Indonesia" of aiding the former Dutch commando, Captain "Turco" Westerling, in his revolt.

Their action, he said, was aimed at "discrediting the Republican Government in the eyes of the outside world."

## Socialists To Withdraw From French Cabinet

Paris, Feb. 3.—The French Socialist Party today decided to withdraw its Ministers from the three-month-old Coalition of M. Georges Bidault.

The decision was announced by M. Jean Blond, Secretary of State, after a meeting of Socialist Members of Parliament to consider a Cabinet compromise plan on the basis for new category workers.

The withdrawal of the Socialists does not necessarily mean that the Cabinet will fall. M. Bidault may prefer to replace them with men from other parties and to attempt to maintain the Government without Socialist support for the first time since the war.

MAY NOT BE FINAL. The bonus plan is intended to tide workers over until the resumption of collective bargaining, suspended since 1939. A bill for its restoration was before the National Assembly for its second, and final, reading tonight.

The Socialist decision, taken at a meeting of the so-called "Committee of 46", consisting of the members of the Executive Committee of the Party and 15 Deputies, may not be final.

One member of the Committee said that their resolution "leaves the door open to our remaining if the Premier can make further concessions on the bonus issue."

The present Cabinet, formed last October, includes five Socialist Ministers. Four of the 15 Under-Secretaries of State are Socialists.—Reuter.

## INDO-CHINA REPORT LEAKAGE

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 3.—M. Roger Peyre, named by the French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, last month as the man from whom a secret military report on Indo-China ultimately "leaked" to the Vietnamese Nationalist Radio, has been "invited" to return to France and appear before a Committee of Inquiry.

He was reported to have agreed to do so. He and his wife arrived in Rio de Janeiro a week ago.

Last August, the Vietnam Radio broadcast parts of a report written by General Georges Marie Revers, then Chief of the Army General Staff, in which he urged that General Malet should replace M. Leon Pignon as the High Commissioner and Nguyen Van Xuan, should replace Emperor Bao Dai as the head of the State of Vietnam.

A brawl in Paris led to the discovery of a summary of the report in the pocket of an Indo-Chinese student.

On December 7 last, General Revers was relieved of his post as Chief of the Army General Staff and 61-year-old General Malet put on the Reserve List.—Reuter.

## E. Germans Form United Front

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The leaders of all East German parties met in Berlin today to constitute "the National Council of the National Front" to fight for unity, peace and independence for Germany.

The National Council, which was elected by delegates from provincial committees of the National Front all over Eastern Germany, consists of 65 members, representing all political parties, the trade unions, and women's and youth organisations.

The Socialist Unity Party (SED) and other Communist-controlled organisations have a clear majority on the Council. The Executive Committee of the Council is made up of the three East German Vice-Premiers, Dr. Walter Ulbricht (SED), Herr Hermann Kaestner (LDP), Dr. Otto Nuschke (CDU) and the chairmen of the smaller parties and organisations.

The Council issued a manifesto calling on "every German who loves his Fatherland" to close the ranks behind the National Council.

"The National Front, based on the German Democratic Republic, is authorised to represent the vital interests of the entire German people and to speak for all nationally-conscious Germans," the manifesto said.

"In Western Germany, those who have brought the Fatherland to ruin are returning to public life to agitate for a new conflagration. They are doing this on the orders of the Western powers."

"The Anglo-American attempt to turn Western Germany into a colony and the battlefield for a new world war must be met by the united opposition of the German people."

"Western Germany must be torn from its dependence on foreign lands and the clutches of the Atlantic war pact,"—Reuter.

## Bevin, Back In London, To Report

London, Feb. 3.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, arrived back in London tonight from the Colombo conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers and his visits on the way home to Cairo, Rome and Paris.

Mr. Bevin has been abroad nearly six weeks. A Foreign Office spokesman said that Mr. Bevin will spend the week-end quietly at his London home catching up on developments during his absence and preparing his Election speeches.

Next week he is due to give a full report both on the Colombo conference and his Ministerial contacts in Egypt and Italy to the Cabinet.

According to a usually reliable source, the Cabinet will also approve the decision to recognise the Government of ex-Emperor Bao Dai in Indo-China.

In consequence, British recognition is forecast for early next week.—Reuter.

## Britain Knew Of H-Bomb

Manchester, Feb. 3.—Sir William Askers, head of the Atomic Section of the Department of Scientific Research from 1941 to 1946, today said here that Britain had known about the hydrogen bomb for a long time.

"There was no need for an American Senator to make details of the bomb known to the world recently. We already knew the theory of the bomb,"—Reuter.

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